

Submitted Time	Name:	Meeting Date:	Comment Type	Agenda Item	Comments:
5/25/2021 10:01	Lori Saldaña	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	52	I wish to pull this item from the consent agenda and speak via zoom. If unsheltered people try to use public restrooms after 10 PM in the parks, this change to the ordinance will criminalize their action This seems especially ill-timed after the recent arrest/assault by SDPD of a person who couldn't find a public restroom in a coastal neighborhood drew national attention
5/20/2021 14:14	Yvonne Elkin	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	I urge all of you to vote NO on the proposed SDG&E Franchise bid. This proposal hurts both my pocketbook and the planet. San Diegans pay the highest power utility rates in the continental US. Also, doing business with Sempra Energy makes no climate sense. SDG&E is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sempra Energy, primarily a methane producing company - methane that comes from fracking shale in Texas and Louisiana. I and thousands of San Diegans will be closely watching the councilmembers' votes on this crucially important issue. Here's what makes Mayor Gloria's proposed deal unacceptable: •It will lock us into 10 years with SDG&E with an easy 10 year renewal. The maximum term must be no more than 5 years. •There is no "right to purchase" clause. This means the City does not have the right to purchase the utility infrastructure no matter how badly SDGE behaves. At best we would have to use the "condemnation" process, which takes years through a painful legal process to take ownership of SDG&E's assets as opposed to the "appraisal" process recommended by the City's own consultants. Therefore the mayor has unilaterally rejected a public power utility and ensured there is no chance for one to be formed for at least 10 years. •SDG&E's parent company, Sempra Energy, is a fossil fuel company dragging its feet on increasing the amount of renewable and clean energy it provides to us. Much of their profit is based on fracking LNG, which is a huge methane producer. Methane has been found to be much more harmful to the atmosphere than CO2. •San Diego will continue to be dealing with an investor owned company that the city is currently suing for breach of the current contract! Outrageous. •There is nothing in the proposed agreement to address the issue that San Diegans pay the highest rates in the country, so San Diegans will continue to pay the highest electricity rates in the continental US. •There is nothing in the agreement that requires SDG&E shareholders to absorb the cost of the franchise fees instead of passing it on to the customers. •Supposedly it creates a citizen-focused Franchise Compliance Review Committee, which ensures public engagement on energy matters. I want to know EXACTLY what this committee does, who will be on it and what power they have to ensure change. Certainly Mayor Gloria didn't listen to the community this round. •Also, here is a statement from the Mayor's staff in a recent Voice of SD article on the term of the agreement: "We found out through this process to encourage competition (on the bid) you need more than a five-year term," Lawrence said. Well that strategy doesn't appear to have worked too well, since SDG&E was the only company to bid on the city's 10-year plus franchise fee - twice! 10 years apparently didn't entice any other utility to bid.
5/21/2021 16:35	Jerome Wanetick	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	At this moment the City Council can choose to become national leaders in fighting the global climate emergency - by saying NO to an investor-owned utility that serves the interests of its shareholders, not the City, its residents, or the environment. Say NO to SDG&E taking \$1 million in net profits every day from the pockets of City ratepayers; Say NO to SDG&E charging the highest utility rates in the continental US; Say NO to SDG&E willfully breaking its contractual obligations with the City; Say NO to SDG&E obstructing the adoption of rooftop solar throughout California; Say NO to Sempra Energy using San Diego ratepayer money to fund its fracked natural gas business, counter to the City's Climate Action Plan, and the future of our planet; and Say YES to an independent, publicly owned utility that has the best interests of the City, its people and the environment as its core operating principle. Please make the right decision for our City and Vote NO on this flawed franchise deal. Thank you
5/23/2021 12:07	Marjory Clyne	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	I am very disappointed in the Mayor-- another Mayor-- who sees SDG&E as our only and best provider. I do not know what went into this decision but saying there were no other bidders: did he look North to Orange Co, LA, San Francisco? What we see in the San Francisco area--Marin Co is a good example, are successfully run non profit Community Energy Providers. They provide reliable and CHEAPER energy to their clients, using alternative, clean energy sources. That should be our future; that should be our focus. Why are afraid to join this trend? Reject dirty, expensive SDG&E now.
5/23/2021 12:48	Steve Hansen	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Council Members: The Mayor's proposed electric and gas Franchise Agreements are not acceptable. We need to look for much better options than approving the SDG&E proposal. These agreements instead deliver an effective 20-year term with no viable off ramp, no accountability, and continued over-charging SD residents the highest rates in the State. San Diegans have made it clear that the status quo is not working for us, and called for short term agreements, a simple appraisal "Right to Purchase" clause, lower rates, and a full exploration of public power alternatives. It is imperative that you vote NO to these Franchise Agreements. Respectfully
5/23/2021 13:10	Laurel Ehrenfreund	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	San Diego has finally broken out of our good-old-boy past, and we are ready to progress along with the rest of the coast. We know what the terrible effects will be of keeping us shackled by bad deals of the past and on the wrong side of history. Please do not allow SDG&E to continue running our city—it's time for clean, public energy! Thank you for your service. ☺

5/23/2021 13:58	Barbara Learner	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	I implore you to reject Mayor Gloria's proposed agreement with SDG&E. You have an opportunity and responsibility to the people who elected you to work in our interest NOT in the interest of the stock holders of SDG&E. SDG&E has broken so many agreements and over charged the people of San Diego long enough. It is past time to move into a new, environmentally sound system of delivering power this agreement does nothing to insure that. PLEASE DO NOT approve this agreement rather, be true to your constituents, not to SDG&E. Thank you, Barbara
5/23/2021 14:29	Angela Hawkins	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	The proposed electric and gas franchise agreement is not what our city needs. The 20 year term is unacceptable. The agreement lacks appropriate accountability. It has no path to climate justice and no path to 100% renewable energy and zero carbon. I call on the City Council to vote to reject the proposal. Instead demand an extension of the current agreements that requires an exploration of public power options. SDG&E has actively opposed climate action and renewable energy while it continues to build a fossil fuel empire. That is not what our citizens want and not what our city needs. Please oppose the proposed agreement with SDG&E.
5/23/2021 15:36	Robert Claesson	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	As a resident of San Diego County for most of my life, I have had to pay energy bills to SDG&E that are higher than any other region in the continental U.S. We must have an extension on the current agreement to research public power options. SDG&E has had nearly fifty years to develop more environmental protection and utilize modern technology including renewables such as wind, solar and other alternatives that are much healthier for people and the environment. We require an energy system that uses modern technology that is much more efficient than fossil fuels for San Diego county for the present and near future.
5/23/2021 17:35	Kelly A Lyndon	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	The Mayor's proposed agreement with SDG&E is not acceptable. We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reshape our broken energy system. These agreements instead deliver an effective 20-year term with no viable off ramp, no accountability, and no path to climate justice, 100% renewable energy, and zero carbon. San Diego families pay the highest energy bills in the continental United States, pay SDG&E's franchise fees, and hand SDG&E \$1 million a day in net profit. Why would we give SDG&E our citizen's hard earned money when their profit motive will never align with our city's interests?
5/23/2021 17:59	Z Drescher Kripke	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	I strongly encourage the City Council to reject the SDGE Franchise Agreement. We need to continue to explore the best way to 100% renewable energy and zero carbon. We cannot dither with a company that has been unwilling to pursue these goals for another 20 years. At most the contract should be 3 to 5 years with a Right to Purchase clause included. SDGE has not been a good partner and we need action now. Sincerely Z Kripke, La Jolla
5/23/2021 18:04	Jack d paxton	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	I have solar electric since 2005 and see NO evidence that SDG&E wants to do much to curb climate change and reduce our impact on earth. Eg they sell me electricity for 43 cents a Kilowatt hour, which they also do to my neighbors, but buy my solar production for 2 cents a Kilowatt hours. Now they are even proposing a charge for having solar panels on my house. They built the Sunrise Power Link to increase their capital expenditures so they can charge more for their electricity! Some of this electricity, when their wind turbines run, is sold to other parties rather than reduce our rates.
5/23/2021 18:33	Liana Steinberg-Casper	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Please reject the proposed gas and electric Franchise Agreements, as they would prove devastating to our climate, promote inequity, and fail to properly protect and empower the people of San Diego. The agreements make no firm commitments to climate, equity, and wildfire safety. That compounded with SDG&E's history of opposing renewable energy and climate action as well as its violations against the city should be enough to conclude that San Diego cannot afford 20 more years tied to them. Further, San Diegans already pay the highest energy bills in the continental United States, pay SDG&E's franchise fees, AND hand SDG&E \$1 million a day in net profit. These deals do not protect our best interests, nor those of our planet, nor those of our most vulnerable communities. Please reject them and instead invest further time and resources into seriously exploring public power options.
5/23/2021 18:45	DAN MCKIRNAN	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	I am writing you to oppose the gas and electric Franchise agreement with SDG&E! Clearly, this is not a path forward to achieving climate justice. This agreement provides no viable off ramp, no accountability, and no path to 100% renewable energy, and zero carbon. During this process San Diegans have called for a short term agreement that would include a "Right to Purchase" clause, strong climate, equity and worker provisions, lower rates, and a full exploration of public power alternatives. The time to act is now! SDG&E has been charging the highest rates in the US. Reject the proposed franchise agreement and demand an extension to the current agreements that will enable the exploration of public power options and more equity for San Diegans.
5/23/2021 19:59	Armin and Rhea Kuhlman	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Please oppose the franchise agreement unless a Right to Purchase clause is inserted, price to be determined by independent appraisal. The Mayor claims this agreement has an off ramp but this claim is bogus unless there is an objective way to determine a fair price, written into the agreement.

5/23/2021 20:09	Carolyn Barkow	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Achieving an equitable clean energy future for San Diego depends on the City's ability to rapidly grow renewable energy generation, decarbonize buildings and invest in communities of concern. The franchise energy deal put forward by Mayor Gloria needs to be rejected. In order to protect our families, schools, and businesses the City Council must demand an extension to the current agreements that requires an exploration of public power options. We can see the impacts of the climate crisis and climate injustice and we need action now. However, despite SDG&E's repeated violations against the city and ratepayers and a history of actively opposing climate action and renewable energy, the agreements have absolutely no firm commitments to climate, equity and wildfire safety.
5/23/2021 21:33	John william Stump	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Honorable Councilpersons, There is no relief for families or businesses in the Mayor's deal! The SDGE/Gloria deal has nothing to help lower the cost of energy for San Diego Families or Businesses. People care about how much they pay for fuel and energy. SDG&E is that gas station on the freeway exit that costs the most; so everybody avoids it unless they are desperate. The Council must get a better immediate deal from this profit gouging monopoly utility and study long term alternatives. A Coalition of many community-based groups and committees have been calling for a carefully revised franchise agreement to provide energy services to the City of San Diego, for more than five (5) years. Community members have cited the very high cost of SDG&E energy as the highest cost utility in California and perhaps across the continent. One organization has produced and distributed two videos highlighting SDGE's expensive cost: 1. https://youtu.be/dBjJkTEoO-8 - "The Mayor's Energy Deal with SDG&E is a Raw Deal for the Ratepayers of San Diego" 2. https://youtu.be/m2hyrKT7ZIQ - "No Backroom Franchise Sellout for San Diego!" Please do not buckle under to SDGE threats Vote No to anything other than a five (5) year extension. SDGE is like a holdover tenant who demand that the City sign a new 20 year agreement or they will stop paying rent BUT not move out. The proper approach would be for the holdover SDGE tenant to either place the rent (Franchise fees) in escrow or move out. SDGE wants you to agree at the point of a gun I think you should counter with the agreements forfeiture clause, below: Section 12. FORFEITURE This franchise is granted upon each and every condition herein contained, and shall ever be strictly construed against Grantee. Nothing shall pass by the franchise granted hereby to Grantee unless it be granted in plain and unambiguous terms. Each of said conditions is a material and essential condition to the granting of the franchise. If Grantee shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any of the conditions of the franchise granted hereby, and if such failure, neglect or refusal shall continue for more than thirty (30) days after written demand by the City Manager for compliance therewith, then City, by the City Council, in addition to all rights and remedies allowed by law, thereupon may terminate the right, privilege and franchise granted in and by this ordinance, and all the rights, privileges and the franchise of Grantee granted hereby shall thereupon be at an end. Thereupon and immediately, Grantee shall surrender all rights and privileges in and to the franchise granted hereby. No provision herein made for the purpose of securing the enforcement of the terms and conditions of the franchise granted hereby shall be deemed an exclusive remedy or to afford the exclusive procedure for the enforcement of said terms and conditions, but the remedies and procedure outlined herein or provided, including forfeiture, shall be deemed to be cumulative. All the best

5/23/2021 22:10	Angela Miner	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>City Councilmembers,</p> <p>I am a resident of District 1 and am asking you to be a good ancestor to future generations and vote no on this utility franchise deal with SDG&E.</p> <p>My reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •San Diegans pay SDG&E the highest electricity rates in the continental U.S. <p>As of 2/23/21, 147,285 customer accounts are more than 120 days in arrears.</p> <p>As of 2/23/21, 301,354 customer accounts are 30 days in arrears</p> <p>In the middle of a pandemic, SDG&E requested a 3.3% rate increase from 3/1/21 to 12/31/21.</p> <p>This has had a negative impact on residents of San Diego, especially during the pandemic and especially in communities of concern.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SDG&E has proven itself a bad partner. <p>The City is currently litigating against SDG&E over terms of the current franchise deal. The entity a city is suing is, by definition, a bad partner.</p> <p>SDG&E actively opposes efforts to increase use of solar energy. It's a bad partner.</p> <p>SDG&E delayed increasing its provision of clean energy to the City of San Diego by such a degree, that the City was compelled to establish a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program. SDG&E is a bad partner.</p> <p>CPUC ruled in January 2021 that SDG&E manipulated rate data used to forecast its electricity rates for 2021.</p> <p>SDG&E was forecasting a 12.35% decrease in electricity rates in order to appear attractive compared to the newly-formed Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) San Diego Community Power, thereby, deceiving the consumer into remaining as a customer with SDG&E. It's a bad partner.</p> <p>SDG&E has recently threatened to cease collecting franchise fees for the City, if the 2021 franchise agreement is not passed by the City Council. It's a bad partner.</p> <p>SDG&E ran \$24 million over budget when it installed 3000 electric vehicle charging stations in the region. It's a bad partner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •This franchise deal is a lemon for the residents of San Diego. <p>20 years is too long a commitment with a partner that does not act in good faith, especially in a climate that is changing rapidly and demands action now.</p> <p>There are few measurable, specific goals with time deadlines in this "Energy Cooperation Agreement." We must have these goals to hold SDG&E accountable.</p>
5/24/2021 5:59	P Benson	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>I urge the City Council to protect our families, schools, and businesses by voting to reject the proposed terms and instead demand an extension to the current agreements that requires an exploration of public power options.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
5/24/2021 7:32	Linda Giannelli Pratt	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>I urge the City Council to vote NO on Mayor Gloria's proposed SDG&E Franchise bid. San Diego Community Power (SDCP) will provide renewable electricity service to about 770,000 customer accounts in the cities of Chula Vista, Encinitas, Imperial Beach, La Mesa and San Diego once it is fully launched. I recommend that this Franchise bid is postponed until we see the plans for how SDG&E will partner with SDCP to bring reliable, affordable electricity from renewable sources. I am a grandparent who is deeply concerned about climate change. SDG&E is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sempra Energy. Sempra's other subsidiaries include Southern California Gas, which delivers natural gas to commercial and residential customers, and Sempra LNG, a major player in the exporting of liquefied natural gas overseas. NO on the Franchise bid as stated. More work needs to be done.</p>
5/24/2021 8:42	Susan Grant-Lee	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>I don't support giving a monopoly, SDG&E, a contract which basically gives away our ability to explore other options, like a public option, for the next 20 years. As alternative energy sources are becoming more affordable and new technologies may become available, it makes no sense to continue with a monopolized energy provider. The customer always loses when any business is monopolized. I'm starting to question why I vote Democrat when the Democrats start acting like Republicans!</p>
5/24/2021 8:56	Frederick J Conway	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>I am strongly opposed to the Mayor's proposed electric and gas Franchise Agreements. I ask the City Council to to reject the proposed terms and instead demand an extension to the current agreements that requires an exploration of public power options.</p> <p>We need an agreement with short term agreements, a simple appraisal "Right to Purchase" clause, strong climate, equity and worker provisions, lower rates, and a full exploration of public power alternatives.</p> <p>It is vitally important for the Council to reject continuing the status quo and to seek a more equitable and climate friendly energy solution. SDG&E/Sempra have not served us well.</p>

5/24/2021 9:18	Bruce Tindall	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Honorable Mayor and Council Members:</p> <p>Please do not turn over our energy and climate future to SDG&E for another 20 years. SDG&E overcharges us, starts wildfires through its negligence, and has no interest in reducing carbon emissions.</p> <p>We need public ownership of electric power so that it will be run by people responsible to us, the citizens, not to wealthy shareholders.</p> <p>San Diego elected you to LEAD the city, not to continue "business as usual," so that San Diego can LEAD the nation towards a responsible and equitable energy policy that will benefit everyone. Please do your duty and lead us to public energy.</p> <p>If it's absolutely necessary to let SDG&E continue to own our energy, let it be only for a very limited short term, not 20 years.</p> <p>Action on climate change is needed now, not in the year 2041 when rising sea levels could be threatening to destroy the heart of our city. And SDG&E will never take the necessary action, but the city can.</p> <p>I grew up in a town that had public ownership of all utilities, and it worked fine. You can make it work here too. Thank you.</p>
5/24/2021 9:28	Puja Batra	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Please advocate for the people of this city, and vote to REJECT the franchise agreement that will lock us all in to a 20-year deal with SDGE. As we are experiencing every year, and as climate change projections tell us, it is only going to get hotter in our region over the next 20 years. How can we afford to keep paying the highest electricity rates in the nation, as our need for electricity (i.e.,cooling) increases? There is no logical or justifiable reason that we should pay 50% more than the LA region pays, and twice as much as Sacramento! We know there are far more affordable options by which power is delivered safely and reliably to users, and the people of this city deserve a different option at this point, after a 50 year monopoly. As City Council Members, your role is to find us with the best option that does not leave us making a choice between which bill to pay, or whether or not to risk heat exhaustion. San Diego will not be able to survive climate change unless we vote in favor of resilience, which requires maintaining flexibility and options, and a 20 year franchise deal is the opposite of that! This decision will resonate long after your terms are over, so please vote for a resilient future, advocate for your voters and constituents, and reject the 20 year franchise. The future demands this change. Thank you.</p>
5/24/2021 9:31	SARAH SCHNEEWIND	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Honorable Mayor and Council:</p> <p>Please DO NOT turn over our energy and climate future to SDG&E for another 20 years. SDG&E overcharges us, starts wildfires through its negligence, and has no interest in reducing carbon emissions.</p> <p>We need public ownership of electric power so that it will be run by people responsible to us, the citizens, not to wealthy shareholders.</p> <p>San Diego elected you to LEAD the city, not to continue "business as usual," so that San Diego can LEAD the nation towards a responsible and equitable energy policy that will benefit everyone. Please do your duty and lead us to public energy.</p> <p>If you MUST let SDG&E continue to own our energy, how about 1 year while you work something else out? Why 20 years, by which time the sea will be taking us over?</p>
5/24/2021 10:20	Nancy Kern	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>I strongly oppose the Mayor's proposed de facto 20 year Franchise Agreement with SDG&E. We already pay the highest energy bills in the country and it is the ratepayers who actually pay SDG&E's franchise fee. They make \$1 million a day in profit which they turn over to their parent company Sempra who is actively working against the City's commitment to combat climate change by exporting fracked LNG.</p> <p>We want a public power municipal utility district in San Diego that is in line with our city's environmental and fiscal goals.</p> <p>Say no to another bad long-term deal with SDG&E.</p> <p>VOTE NO.</p>

5/24/2021 10:33	sarah sanger	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>My elderly parents pay some of the highest rates in the continental US and yet their power is still shut off during Santa Anas because SDG&E failed to keep their infrastructure updated. They still have to haul propane to their house. East County has a lot of poverty, many people can't afford generators, struggle to get propane. While SDG&E will reimburse generators and window replacements, many people can't afford to make those purchases to get them reimbursed.</p> <p>We are a cold Santa Ana away from seeing little boys freeze in trailers here like they did in Texas. It would be gross negligence to let this happen. This is not why we pay the highest rates in the nation.</p> <p>The council members all held sessions with their constituents. In every meeting almost everyone did not want to continue with SDG&E. If this agreement went through it would not be the constituents who were being represented here but SDG&E.</p> <p>Public Power has been cost effective for any number of other counties in California. Counties that have public power pay much less than we do and don't regularly turn the electricity off to their customers. While we see people dying as the result of the gross negligence of companies like PG&E, this has not been an issue for community owned power companies. This also saves the tax payers from having to pay for damages done by the unchecked greed of these companies. People like to say that government is incompetent, these companies aren't just incompetent they are indifferent to the damage they do because they never have to pay for it.</p> <p>The Mayor claims that we are moving towards renewable energy, how can we do that if Sempra (the parent company of SDG&E) divested it's self of all of its renewables in 2019?</p> <p>SDG&E is a monopoly with no competition to drive rates down.</p> <p>Continuing with SDG&E benefits SDG&E. Not the rate payers (who SDG&E passes it's fees onto), not the environment, and not the city.</p> <p><u>To move forward with this agreement would be to move forward with CEO's first policy enacted by government.</u></p>
5/24/2021 10:45	Bernadette T Latin	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Mayor Gloria's proposed electric and gas Franchise Agreements are appalling! San Diego (like the rest of the world) has a CRISIS EMERGENCY. We need a energy system that reflects this REALITY. Giving SDGE a 20yr term is outrageous given its lack of accountability; the fact the city FAILED to charge SDGE appropriate rates for use of city property; the fact that San Diegans pay the highest energy bills in the state while the city hands SDGE \$1 million daily in profit; these proposed agreements offer no path to 100% renewable energy and zero carbon which we ABSOLUTELY need to be doing. Explore public power alternatives and if that requires time, then give SDGE a 2 year lease and get working on alternatives!!!!The City Council needs to reject the Mayor's proposal and refuse to perpetuate a deal that caves to SDGE and benefits ONLY that entity and the public officials who personally benefit by maintaining this breach of the public trust.</p>
5/24/2021 10:47	Michael Escobar	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>I would like to add my voice to the growing call to reject and rethink the Mayor's proposed electric and gas Franchise Agreements. San Diego must take this moment to be a committed leader for the next generation, instead of falling into complacency against a 20-year franchise debacle. San Diego must push for a fully clean, equitable future.</p> <p>SDG&E, and it's parent company Sempra, have proven time and time again that they cannot be trusted to operate in good faith. They have missed every chance to be a trusted partner to the city. The history of violations against the city and ratepayers, hindering action on other ambitious actions like Pure Water, and a well-documented track record of actively opposing climate action and renewable energy policies indicate that the proposed deal sets up the city for two decades of headache.</p> <p>When I look at the deal, I see 20 years of reluctant prodding and squabbling between a frustrated city and an unaccountable SDG&E. I don't see San Diego leading the nation as a shining example of a clean, 100% renewable, zero carbon city.</p> <p>We already rely on sunshine to call ourselves "America's Finest City." Let's take bold climate action, harness that sunshine, and truly earn the superlative.</p>

5/24/2021 10:54	Toshihiko Ishihara	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>I am a climate change advocate living in Rancho Penasquitos.</p> <p>The City of San Diego should not award the franchise contract to SDG&E. If it does, it will go against the City's CAP and the wish of its residents to achieve the net-zero carbon as soon as possible.</p> <p>SDG&E and its parent company Sempra have been working hard to slow down the much needed transition from Fossil-Fuel based electricity and heating sources to Renewable sources. They are trying to discourage the residences from having solar systems on their roofs, continuing to exploit the environment to extract natural gas, and putting every effort to make difficult to make a rapid transition to the 100% renewable electricity and heating sources.</p> <p>How can the City and its residences trust the company whose goal is to maximize its profit sharing with its parent company at any costs to the environment and our children's future? The City of San Diego must look for different partners as its utility provider, and make the new franchise agreement a no longer than 5 year contract and study a possible municipal utility option.</p> <p>Therefore, I hereby request the San Diego City Council to vote "No" on Item 330.</p> <p>Toshi Ishihara, PhD</p>
5/24/2021 11:05	Stephanie Jennings	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>SDG&E has had a strangle hold on San Diego rate payers for as long as most of us can remember. Why when we pay the highest or nearly highest rates for energy in the country. We have paid time and time again for certain services like undergrounding and yet that has been done in an extremely limited area.</p> <p>I'm MAD! Do not give SDG&E a 20 year contract. We need to begin the process of creating municipal energy. The current model is antiquated and unjust!</p> <p>There are more than 40 publicly owned power providers throughout California, a mix of municipal and community-managed operators, according to the latest data available from the California Energy Commission. San Diego Must be one of these cities!</p>
5/24/2021 12:22	Terri Olson	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>I'm a constituent from zip code 92131. I am writing to strongly encourage the San Diego City Council to vote NO on Mayor Gloria's proposed SDG&E Franchise bid. The Mayor's proposal hurts both the citizens of San Diego, their pocketbooks and the planet. Battery storage is here and the technology is rapidly leaping forward. The citizens don't want to be left behind. Whatever deal is finalized, it should be limited to 5 years so that we, as a city can stay flexible and adaptable to the new and innovative technologies emerging. San Diegans pay the highest power utility rates in the continental US. SDG&E is interested in keeping stockholders happy, not the citizens of San Diego. SDG&E has never demonstrated good stewardship of the environment. They will bring us back rather than helping us move forward in this fight for our planet. I don't think the members of the City Council want to go down in history as being against the best interests of the citizens of San Diego in this fight for our environment. Thank you.</p>
5/24/2021 12:29	Stephen Rudisill	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>SDG&E's contract with the city should not be renewed. The company has made San Diego's electricity rates some of the highest in the nation through general incompetence and profiteering. Nothing has changed about the quality of service in my 6 years here, yet my electric bills have doubled.</p> <p>The only reason they are allowed to survive as a business is because they have a monopoly granted to them by the city. Any other business would have gone under years ago, as furious customers left en masse from rate hike after rate hike after rate hike with no improvement in service.</p> <p>San Diegans deserve freedom from these extortionists. They deserve reasonably priced electricity, and when it is not reasonably priced, they deserve to know that the excess is going towards power generation and grid improvement, not Sempra executive pocket-linings.</p>
5/24/2021 12:44	Jackson Mitz	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Please vote against agenda item 330 granting SDGE another contract with the city. We already pay more than almost everyone in the nation for power. Why are we even considering granting another long term contract with SDGE to be further fleeced. Do the right thing and vote for a public power option instead!</p>
5/24/2021 12:45	Louisa Campagna	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>We must do better than the proposed franchise agreement with SDG&E. San Diegans pay among the highest utility rates in the nation and get only talk vs. bona fide support from SDG&E toward climate action goals. If we must negotiate a franchise extension with SDG&E it needs to be for a much shorter time frame and with more substantive measures to promote the essential shift to clean energy.</p>

5/24/2021 13:09	Mary Ryan	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>The San Diego Union-Tribune ran an article listing the 2021 bills that will never make it to floor of our California Senate for vote because they were shot down by lobbyists. So, I thank you for having the decency to bring the SDGE issue to the floor of this legislative body.</p> <p>Unfortunately, SDGE has also been playing the lobbying game to thwart its competitor, Community Choice Energy (CCE). Why would big SDGE be afraid of little ole CCE? It is because:</p> <p>CCE offers energy democracy</p> <p>CCE provides lower and more stable rates to its customers</p> <p>The stakeholders of CCE are 'we the people', not Sempra Energy.</p> <p>CCE does not rely on gas for its power source. Therefore, CCE does not shut down power in emergencies as happened in the Valley Fire in Sept 2020.</p> <p>CCE flexes with a community's needs. For example: After the 2017 fire, Sonoma County 's CCE offered \$15,000 in rebates to homeowners to rebuild if they chose all-electric.</p> <p>CCE is aware of the dangers of home gas use in the proliferation of asthma cases in communities. A May 2021 Australian study found that "the effect of gas cooktops on the burden of childhood asthma is comparable to the impact of passive smoking in the household." In contrast, what is SDGE's record? It successfully lobbied for regulations that demand that any city or county that does choose CCE must wait a year before reaping its benefits. Meanwhile, it is still a serf to SDGE. SDGE began a track in 2018 to raise its rates 23% through 2023. Its allegiance is not to San Diego citizens but to its shareholders, primarily Sempra Energy. Its motivation is solely profit as it receives 10–11% return on its investments Because of the danger of its own lines, SDGE will continue to shut down power lines in emergencies. SDGE will earn 10–11% on its transition lines regardless of whether San Diego ends up going with CCE, or not. The SDGE contract is an issue of corporate vs public; greed vs environment; entrenched politics vs a vision to ease San Diego's environmental and economic burden moving forward. As a former Science teacher, my view of Todd Gloria is as a student who is willing to get a C when climate scientists are saying we need to be working towards an A+. He should be in the principal's office for not being faithful to his city. Today, I beg this governing body not to play with Todd Gloria who is making poor choices for his city. Instead choose cleaner, more democratic energy for the people. Cut down on the monopoly of the Goliaths of big business that are strangling the rights of San Diegans. Thank you for your time.</p>
5/24/2021 13:19	Kathleen A Finn	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>If SDG&E is again going to enjoy a monopoly in San Diego, please make it short-lived and accountable. Their customer service is very poor (there is no contact phone number or even email address on their website) and unresponsive (they do not report back to customers on billing issues, for example). Competition might make them improve — currently they seem to be too comfortable!</p>
5/24/2021 13:57	Paulette Goforth	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>The City Council needs to vote no on extension of the contract with SDG&E. SDG&E has refused to pay for relocation of its hardware which is a requirement of the current agreements. They need to relocate hardware to make way for the city's Pure Water Program, which is needed to ensure our city's future water supply. This contract breach by itself should be grounds for disqualifying SDG&E from new agreements. Please vote no!</p>
5/24/2021 15:01	Laura Minna-Choe	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>We can see the impacts of the climate crisis and climate injustice and we need action now. However, despite SDG&E's repeated violations against the city and ratepayers and a history of actively opposing climate action and renewable energy, the agreements have absolutely no firm commitments to climate, equity and wildfire safety.</p>
5/24/2021 15:17	Cheryl A Stigall	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>I am a 25 year resident of University City. I strongly support a public option for San Diego's energy needs!</p>
5/24/2021 15:23	Carolyn Marsden	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>There is nothing equitable about communities waiting 16 years to receive a dime from this Franchise for the Climate Equity Fund (CEF). Funding the CEF should not be tethered to a 20-year bad deal. Councilmembers MUST VOTE NO! San Diegans deserve better and it can only get better after they reject this franchise proposal.</p>
5/24/2021 15:29	Nathan Jovin	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>I support a short-term franchise agreement. SDGE does not deserve a longer period of time because as an organization it has not been good for San Diegans. We pay the highest rates in the state. A five year agreement would give the city and its residents time to attract a bid that is more favorable to us.</p>
5/24/2021 15:31	Daria Flores	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>I apologize for not including the agenda item number. I can not find it listed in the currently published agenda. This comment relates to the vote to renew SDG&E's contract with the city.</p> <p>Please do not renew the SDG&E contract. They've extorted the public for years. They've breached contract with the city multiple times with no meaningful repercussions. By renewing the contract you give them no reason to correct their actions nor behave differently in the future. You are letting a for-profit company breach its contract with the city and, by extension, the trust between the citizens and the council. They're fighting against environmental initiatives and making it more difficult for homeowners to become self-sufficient on solar energy. They are a CANCER on the infrastructure of southern California. Please cure it.</p>
					<p>Was the mayor not listening? Throughout this process, San Diegans made clear that the status quo is not working for us, and called for short term agreements, a simple appraisal "Right to Purchase" clause, strong climate, equity and worker provisions, lower rates, and a full exploration of public power alternatives.</p> <p>The proposed SDG&E franchise deals are bad energy deals. I call on the City Council to reject them.</p>

5/24/2021 15:40	Kelsey Bartolozzi	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	The Mayor's proposed electric and gas Franchise Agreements are not acceptable. We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reshape our broken energy system. These agreements instead deliver an effective 20-year term with no viable off ramp, no accountability, and no path to climate justice, 100% renewable energy, and zero carbon. San Diego families pay the highest energy bills in the continental United States, pay SDG&E's franchise fees, and hand SDG&E \$1 million a day in net profit. I urged you to reject the proposed terms and instead demand an extension to the current agreements that requires an exploration of public power options. We can not wait another 20 years!
5/24/2021 15:44	Susan Duerksen	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	I urge you to vote NO on the outrageous proposal to give SDG&E another franchise for anything more than five years at the most. SDG&E overcharges us and opposes renewable energy and climate equity, which are urgently needed now - no, yesterday. It's grossly irresponsible to think we can wait another 10 years to address the climate crisis. Vote NO on this terrible deal for San Diego.
5/24/2021 16:17	Heather Zupin	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	The Mayor's proposed electric and gas Franchise Agreements are not acceptable. We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reshape our broken energy system. These agreements instead deliver an effective 20-year term with no viable off ramp, no accountability, and no path to climate justice, 100% renewable energy, and zero carbon. San Diego families pay the highest energy bills in the continental United States, pay SDG&E's franchise fees, and hand SDG&E \$1 million a day in net profit. We can see the impacts of the climate crisis and climate injustice and we need action now. However, despite SDG&E's repeated violations against the city and ratepayers and a history of actively opposing climate action and renewable energy, the agreements have absolutely no firm commitments to climate, equity and wildfire safety.
5/24/2021 16:18	Lynn Owens	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	SDGE has shown many times that they are not trustworthy. Their support of California state bill AB 1139 is just the latest example. We should not commit to more than a five-year agreement, and we should immediately establish a group to work toward a public electric power utility for San Diego. SDGE's rates are too high and they pay only lip service to creating truly emission-free electricity. A private utility has an inherent conflict of interest - executive salaries and shareholder value are at least as important as the well-being of the city, its residents, and the planet. Council members - please show your integrity and your true leadership for supporting your constituents. Vote NO! Thank you.
5/24/2021 16:30	Mat Wahlstrom	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Make no mistake: this "agreement" is as much of a sham as the play-acted "negotiations" that preceded it. San Diegans pay the highest utility rates in the U.S. due to the unequal terms of the current 50-year agreement. The proposed 20-year agreement not only perpetuates this inequity, but actively hinders efforts to transition from fossil fuels and to seek remedy in court. (And the de facto term of this agreement is 20 years despite the representations otherwise.) SDG&E has proven time and again to be a faithless partner, in breach of its obligations under the current agreement (such as regards the Pure Water Program), so it would be unconscionable for the Council to ratify this exploitative agreement. All that is necessary is to extend the current agreement (for no more than five years), to take what time is needed to fully vet all options — including municipalization. Any claim to the contrary isn't a counterargument — it's a threat. Please vote NO on Item 330 (all subitems).
5/24/2021 16:39	Joseph W Wainio	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	We call on the City Council to protect our families, schools, and businesses by voting to reject the proposed terms and instead demand an extension to the current agreements that requires an exploration of public power options. San Diego families pay the highest energy bills in the continental United States, pay SDG&E's franchise fees, and hand SDG&E \$1 million a day in net profit.
5/24/2021 16:41	Arthur Salm	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Please don't award SDG&E another long-term franchise. This proposal will further enrich Sempra, but it will be bad for the city and citizens of San Diego. Please, PLEASE vote "NO." Thank you.
5/24/2021 16:57	David Robertson	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Dear Honorable Council members. The proposed electric and gas Franchise Agreements are not acceptable and I hope you will reject them. We have an incredible opportunity to reshape our broken energy system and this agreement doesn't cut it. These agreements instead deliver an effective 20-year term with no viable off ramp, no accountability, and no path to climate justice, 100% renewable energy, and zero carbon. I call on all Council members to protect our families, schools, and businesses by voting to reject the proposed terms and instead demand an extension to the current agreements that requires an exploration of public power options. Thank you.

5/24/2021 17:24	Ann Kennedy	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	I am writing as a constituent of District 1, to ask you to vote NO on Mayor Gloria's new franchise deal with SDG&E. It is time for us to take responsibility for our future, and not lazily shrug it off to the usual corporate interests. SDG&E/Sempra's only interest is to make a profit, a very large profit, at the expense of our community and environmental health and well being. This public well being is the sea change that must start now. We must empower ourselves to preserve our planet. We must end the plunder of our valuable resources and our health. Let's work as a community to reach these goals, and not let the money makers (SDG&E) control our precious destiny and frack us to death.
5/24/2021 17:32	Carl	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	The Mayor's proposed electric and gas Franchise Agreements are not acceptable. We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reshape our broken energy system. These agreements instead deliver an effective 20-year term with no viable off ramp, no accountability, and no path to climate justice, 100% renewable energy, and zero carbon.
5/24/2021 18:22	Thomas Mullaney	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Regarding the Equity fund: The 16 year delay is ridiculous. The provision for the payment to the Equity fund is one of the poorly-conceived parts of the proposed franchise agreement. SDGE would get the benefits of the agreement immediately, while the public would get too little, and have to wait for many years for some benefits. This provision and many others must be rewritten -- to serve the public, and eliminate the one-sided portions which would benefit only SDGE.
5/24/2021 18:23	Adam Aron	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Dear City Council, Our world needs to get off fossil fuels immediately. We have had nearly 2 Fahrenheit of global heating and if we don't stop burning fossil fuels, more heating is coming if we don't. It will make California increasingly unlivable in my children's lifetimes. Please say NO to this bad franchise deal - it will lock the city into a tight relationship with a fossil fuel utility and parent company, making it really HARD to make the fast transition away from fossil fuels. Our local future is in your hands, as is the future of people in the global south, the plants and the animals. Please do the right thing. History will judge you. My children are watching what you do tomorrow, thanks.
5/24/2021 18:29	Taylor Vierra	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	I urge the City Council to protect our families, schools, and businesses by voting to reject the proposed 20 year deal terms and instead demand an extension to the current agreements that requires an exploration of public power options. San Diego families pay the highest energy bills in the continental United States, pay SDG&E's franchise fees, and hand SDG&E \$1 million a day in net profit. San Diegans have made it clear that the status quo is not working for us, and called for short term agreements, a simple appraisal "Right to Purchase" clause, strong climate, equity and worker provisions, lower rates, and a full exploration of public power alternatives. We can see the impacts of the climate crisis and climate injustice and we need action now. However, despite SDG&E's repeated violations against the city and ratepayers and a history of actively opposing climate action and renewable energy, the agreements have absolutely no firm commitments to climate, equity and wildfire safety.
5/24/2021 18:34	Varykina Thackray	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Please vote NO on the proposed franchise agreement with SDG&E. This agreement is essentially the same bad agreement that the council voted NO on previously in the fall. It would lock San Diego into a bad agreement with SDG&E for the next 20 years. In addition to paying some of the highest utility rates in the country, San Diego will NOT be able to make progress on its climate plan if it makes an agreement with a company that plans to massively export fracked natural gas through their pipelines to Baja, Mexico and thus to Asian markets. This deal is bad for San Diego rate payers and bad for our environment. Stand up against the monopoly of SDG&E and vote NO!
5/24/2021 18:49	Richard Lund	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Please City Council, do not let SDGE and Sempra ruin our city for another long term deal. We must negotiate a short-term deal so we can hold SDGE accountable to the city and its citizens. We must turn away from fossil fuels this decade, and Sempra will not help us do so. They are dependent on fossil fuels. On top of all the ongoing public legal battles SDGE is currently fighting, they also charge us the highest rates in the continental US. They profit \$1,000,000 per day! That is all money that we could be using to help our homeless population and protect citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic. We need a short-term deal so we can develop a business plan to establish a municipality. We must cut ties with Sempra and give the power back to the people. Please vote NO to a long term deal with SDGE and Sempra, thank you.
5/24/2021 18:51	Ethan Ashley	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Vote no on the franchise deal with SD G&E. This deal will be a disaster for the city and it the people who live there. SD G&E and their parent company Sempra have no plans to divest from fossil fuels. Signing this deal bankrolls their fracking infrastructure and speeds the destruction of our planet. We will be stuck footing their bill, paying some of the most exorbitant fees in the nation, for the next 20 years, long past the terms of this mayor and city council members. Do the right thing and vote NO on this franchise agreement. We cannot trust private companies like Sempra or SD G&E to meet our needs. This is a bad deal for the city and the people. It is the same deal from the previous council and the previous mayor. Reject this deal and invest in green public power for the good of the city and its people.
5/24/2021 18:56	Francisco Gomez	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Hi, Francisco from District 9. I ask council members, the mayor and urge staff to vote no on the Sdg&e franchise deal. Reconsider shortening the contract to max 5 years. Not only is my health and mental wellness at risk due to Sempra's fracking and 0% concern for the environment but also my pocket with the highest rates in the U.S! Thanks.

5/24/2021 19:19	Shauna McKenna	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	I am asking members of San Diego City Council to take the next step in a new chapter by voting no on the proposed franchise agreement with SDG&E. We need the stability of public oversight and prioritization for the vital transition our environment demands, in order to assure that workers are not left stranded as business models like the SDG&E-Sempra Energy vertical become untenable. We need to remove profits from the equation altogether - opting for the budget windfall of the franchise fee at the literal expense of ratepayers is not service of the public interest. Please square yourselves to the difficult but vital task at hand and put an end to San Diego's embattled relationship with SDG&E.
5/24/2021 19:35	Sarah Stockwell	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	It is vital for the future of San Diego and our world that we STOP using fossil fuels. To have a survivable future, we need to stop using them IMMEDIATELY -- not decades from now. Locking in a franchise deal with SDGE, a utility that has shown its commitment to continuing fossil fuel use, will make it harder to move away from fossil fuels. The franchise deal is bad for San Diego and bad for our planet. Our children will look back on the decisions we make now about their future, and judge us for the future we leave them. Please do the right thing for our region and our planet and vote NO on the SDGE franchise deal. Thank you.
5/24/2021 19:38	Deanna Ybarra	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Dear City Council, As a student who has limited power to change our community for the better, I look up to the city council to do the right thing. I interned for Todd Gloria and am very disappointed on how this is being handled. Our world needs to get off fossil fuels immediately. We have had nearly 2 Fahrenheit of global heating and if we don't stop burning fossil fuels, more heating is coming. It will make California increasingly unlivable in our lifetime. Please say NO to this bad franchise deal - it will lock the city into a tight relationship with a fossil fuel utility and parent company, making it really HARD to make the fast transition away from fossil fuels. Our local future is in your hands, as is the future of people in the global south, the plants and the animals. Please do the right thing. History will judge you. thanks.
5/24/2021 19:49	Nikki Grewal	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Dear City Council, Our world needs to get off fossil fuels immediately. We have had nearly 2 Fahrenheit of global heating and if we don't stop burning fossil fuels, more heating is coming. It will make California increasingly unlivable in my children's lifetimes. Please say NO to this bad franchise deal - it will lock the city into a tight relationship with a fossil fuel utility and parent company, making it really HARD to make the fast transition away from fossil fuels. Our local future is in your hands, as is the future of people in the global south, the plants and the animals. Please do the right thing. History will judge you. thanks.
5/24/2021 19:51	Alexander Han	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	My name is Alexander Han and I am with the Sunrise Movement. We do not have time to continue another franchise deal SDG&E/Sempra. I am literally begging not to continue this deal or else we will not survive the climate disaster.
5/24/2021 19:52	Eric Halgren	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	The franchise to SDG&E must not be renewed if San Diego is to reach its goals for reducing carbon emissions. It is stealing the future from our children and grandchildren who will have to clean up our mess. It is selfish and irresponsible. SDG&E/Sempra will always only do the minimum to reduce fossil fuel use because that is how it makes its profits.
5/24/2021 19:53	Adam Cooper	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	There is no future where San Diego can continue to do business with SDG&E and still reach its climate goals. Let's show regional and worldwide leadership by doing the real work of making a robust public power feasibility plan and then following through to a decarbonized grid by 2030. Methane gas is poisoning the communities where it is extracted, ruining indoor air quality where it is burned for heat and contributing to the climate crisis looming over us. Vote no to a bad franchise deal!
5/24/2021 19:57	Aylin Zertuche	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	The proposed electric and gas Franchise Agreements are NOT acceptable. We as a city have an opportunity to reshape our broken energy system and fight the climate crisis. Vote to reject these proposed terms and help fight the climate crisis and help fight climate injustice.
5/24/2021 20:06	Mics Pollock	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	I was excited about Gloria's work until now. We see the impacts of the climate crisis and climate injustice on California in the annual fires; we need action now, led by San Diego. Despite SDG&E's repeated violations against the city and ratepayers and a history of actively opposing climate action and renewable energy, the agreements have absolutely no firm commitments to climate, equity and wildfire safety. he Mayor's proposed electric and gas Franchise Agreements are not acceptable. We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reshape our broken energy system. These agreements instead deliver an effective 20-year term with no viable off ramp, no accountability, and no path to climate justice, 100% renewable energy, and zero carbon. No.
5/24/2021 20:14	Alvin Yang	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	As a future resident of this beautiful city, I believe it is my duty to say we need to stop using fossil fuel. While it is hard, this is San Diego, a city with a bright future. Our world is dying but this city can start the revolution in restoring this planet. I hope you guys do say no. Do the right thing. Thank you.
5/24/2021 20:28	Anthony Magit	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Committing to a long-term agreement with SDG&E threatens the ability of San Diego to continue a move away from fossil fuels and complete the mandatory transition to sustainable energy sources critical to effectively combating climate change.

5/24/2021 20:31	Zenna Li	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	As a student who has lived in San Diego all her life, please say NO to the deal with SDG&E. We can't afford to establish more fossil fuel deals and gas pipelines, not anymore. Not when our wildfire season is starting earlier and lasting longer every year, not when our heatwaves are becoming more extreme. We can't continue to encourage this temperature increase by permitting long term fossil fuel usage; we need to stop it. For my family, for my friends and their families...please vote NO so we can move towards a renewable energy system that won't endanger our lives anymore. Please vote NO so we can keep living here.
5/24/2021 20:43	Kirari McNulty	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Dear City Council, Our world needs to get off fossil fuels immediately. We have had nearly 2 Fahrenheit of global heating and if we don't stop burning fossil fuels, more heating is coming. It will make California increasingly unlivable in our lifetime, and future generations'. We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reshape our broken energy system. These agreements instead deliver an effective 20-year term with no viable off ramp, no accountability, and no path to climate justice, 100% renewable energy, and zero carbon. On top of that, San Diego families pay the highest energy bills in the continental United States, pay SDG&E's franchise fees, and hand SDG&E \$1 million a day in net profit. Instead of prioritizing equity, the proposed agreements withhold \$20 million in equity dollars for 16 years to disincentivize the City from leaving the agreements. That is the very definition of inequity and we cannot wait until 2037 to uplift communities of concern. Our local future is in your hands, as is the future of people in the global south, the plants and the animals. Please do the right thing. History will judge you. Thank you.
5/24/2021 20:45	Barbara Jaffe-Rose	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	We have been anxiously waiting for this day. This vote on the SDG&E franchise will tell us which council members take their constituent requests seriously, and which council members put in writing proposal demands for no more than a five year franchise and exploration of Public Power that they later ignore. Which council members are concerned about the environment and understand the long term economic needs of the city. We'll see which council members are aligned with fracking and and OK contracting with a company that goes to any length to bilk the city while paying no heed to the obligations of their contract. For the next twenty years, when San Diegans open their utility bills or hear about a methane leak contaminating water and/or air we will associate the names of each councilmember who voted to continue business as usual with SDG&E. For the next twenty years each of your political careers will be influenced by this vote. So, I urge you to weigh the risks, harken to the requests of your constituents and vote "NO" on this SDG&E franchise proposal.
5/24/2021 20:48	Eran Mukamel	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Please reject the franchise deal with SDG&E. We need to commit to a zero-carbon future, to limit the disastrous impacts of the climate crisis in San Diego. This deal does not move us in the right direction. Respectfully, Eran Mukamel Assoc. Professor of Cognitive Science UC San Diego
5/24/2021 20:49	Karen Reimus	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Councilmembers, not every vote you cast is closely examined. However, your vote on Tuesday, March 25's Agenda Item 330 – the SDG&E Franchise Deal, will be remembered for a very long time. I am asking that each and every one of you join with my Councilmember, Marni Von Wilpert, in committing to a franchise deal of no longer than 5 years with SDG&E. In a March 5, 2021 San Diego Union Tribune article, my councilmember stated, "I believe a five-year agreement timeframe is essential." I voted for Councilmember Von Wilpert and her statement in the UT is one of the reasons why. Please join Marni in rejecting the SDG&E franchise 10 year + 10 year option proposed in Agenda Item 330 today.
5/24/2021 21:13	Yael Vargas	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Mayor Gloria MUST act in favor of changing the current energy system to one that would get us out of the self-destructing hole we've been digging. There is an immediate need for reform in this matter. I ask Mayor Gloria to reconsider what her position means: to protect and serve the interests of all people in San Diego. The currently proposed plan will do quite the opposite, it will harm the people of this county. Even more so, it will harm the people outside of San Diego! It is simply irredeemable to place the interests of a chosen few over the health of the entire planet.
5/24/2021 21:27	Stephanie Jed	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Please say NO to this bad franchise deal with SDG&E - it will lock the city into a long-term tight relationship with a fossil fuel utility and parent company, making it really HARD to make the fast transition away from fossil fuels which is already gathering pace. Our local future is in your hands, as is the future of people in the Global South, the plants and the animals. California needs more responsible measures to save the planet in the long term (and save us from wildfires and other disasters now). Please do the right thing. History will judge you.

5/24/2021 21:29	Sharon Nichols	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	I urge all council members to vote against the SDG&E franchise agreement put forth by the mayor, one which includes no right to purchase clause. The City should be working towards a public utility rather than signing a long-term agreement that will allow Sempra Energy to continue profiting off San Diego citizens while promoting fossil fuel extraction. It is galling to have so much of what we pay for energy go to profit and stockholders instead of building our clean energy capabilities. If anything should be publicly owned, it is energy infrastructure. Instead, the mayor proposes partnering for 20 years with a company that fights solar, overcharges the city, breaches its contracts, and actively contributes to climate change with its promotion of fracking. A vote for this agreement would be a severe disappointment to voters and will not be forgotten in the next election cycle. Stand up for the people of San Diego and our future, not Sempra Energy.
5/24/2021 21:35	Nathan Fang	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Dear City Council, Our world needs to get off fossil fuels immediately. We have had nearly 2 Fahrenheit of global heating and if we don't stop burning fossil fuels, more heating is coming. It will make California increasingly unlivable in our lifetime. Please say NO to this bad franchise deal - it will lock the city into a tight relationship with a fossil fuel utility and parent company, making it really HARD to make the fast transition away from fossil fuels. Our local future is in your hands, as is the future of people in the global south, the plants and the animals. Please do the right thing. History will judge you. thanks.
5/24/2021 21:38	Dr. Nan Renner	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	We implore you, do not renew the franchise agreement with SDGE. The majority of energy supplied by SDGE comes from the burning of fossil fuels. To sustain a livable climate, even within our own lifetimes, we must stop burning fossil fuels. In 2020, the San Diego City Council declared a climate emergency. In emergency situations, we must take every possible action to avoid damage and suffering. With the climate emergency, we must drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions immediately. Already we see the effects of global warming. Our water supply is in jeopardy. UC San Diego's acclaimed climate scientist Dr. V. Ramanathan said in a conference today that, within just the last ten years, rainfall in Northern California has declined by 40%; water catchment in the Colorado River basin has declined by 25%. Southern California's rainy season has been shortened by one month. Have you noticed how the rains come later now? Remember how dry it was last winter? San Diego is getting drier and hotter. In the last ten years, we've experience 3°F increase in temperature. One third of California's forests have burned. We'll see hotter temperatures and more fires without swift action. Temperatures are rising faster than climate scientists predicted. To keep the global average temperature within a livable range, scientists have calculated our carbon budget, i.e., how much carbon dioxide we can emit before we hit a critical temperature threshold. If we continue on our current path of fossil fuel extraction and consumption, we will exceed our carbon budget by three times, dooming all future generations to a hotter world with an unstable climate of weather extremes. We implore you to use the power of your imaginations to envision two possible futures. One where we grant SDGE the franchise agreement (with their obscene profits), we continue burning fossil fuels, and the planet gets so hot and the climate so unstable that large numbers of people get sick, die, or migrate, and civilization breaks down. Or, San Diego leads the way with clean energy, showing the world how local action is critical to global climate justice and redemption. We implore you to have the wisdom and the courage to choose not to renew the agreement with SDGE and choose a

5/24/2021 21:38	Tyler Abrams	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>My name is Tyler Abrams and I am a resident of District 2. Today I urge the City Council to reject the Gas Franchise deal to San Diego Gas & Electric. The San Diego City Council should deny SDG&E franchise agreements and demand public power.</p> <p>The Mayor's proposed electric and gas Franchise Agreements are not acceptable. We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reshape our broken energy system. These agreements instead deliver an effective 20-year term with no viable off ramp, no accountability, and no path to climate justice, 100% renewable energy, and zero carbon. I call on the City Council to protect our families, schools, and businesses by voting to reject the proposed terms and instead demand an extension to the current agreements that requires an exploration of public power options.</p> <p>San Diego families pay the highest energy bills in the continental United States, pay SDG&E's franchise fees, and hand SDG&E \$1 million a day in net profit. And that mountain of profits will get shoveled to Sempra Energy — SDG&E's corporate parent — for investment in expanding the use of environmentally devastating fracked natural gas. The stakes are high, particularly during the pandemic and the worsening climate crisis.</p> <p>Customers of public utilities in Los Angeles and in Sacramento pay \$75 to more than \$100 less each month than we pay for electricity. That's \$900 to \$1,200 each year going from each of our pockets to Sempra's profits. Throughout this process, San Diegans made clear that the status quo is not working for us, and called for short term agreements, a simple appraisal "Right to Purchase" clause, strong climate, equity and worker provisions, lower rates, and a full exploration of public power alternatives.</p> <p>Instead of prioritizing equity, the proposed agreements withhold \$20 million in equity dollars for 16 years to disincentivize the City from leaving the agreements. That is the very definition of inequity and we cannot wait until 2037 to uplift communities of concern. We can see the impacts of the climate crisis and climate injustice and we need action now. However, despite SDG&E's repeated violations against the city and ratepayers and a history of actively opposing climate action and renewable energy, the agreements have absolutely no firm commitments to climate, equity and wildfire safety.</p> <p><i>The way forward for the council is clear: Stand up for your constituents against egregious corporate profits and</i></p>
5/24/2021 21:38	Wayne Yang	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>This is not the time to enter a 20-year deal with SDGE. We need to reduce the global temperature before it hits +1.5 degrees celsius, and can only do so by divesting in fossil fuels. SDGE forces San Diego residents to pay the highest energy prices in the US. They are investing in fossil fuels. They are locking the city into a deal that is bad for residents, bad for the planet.</p>
5/24/2021 21:40	Matthew W Vitz	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Dear City Council,</p> <p>I urge you to reject the SDG&E Franchise proposal and instead begin the process of municipalizing our energy infrastructure and service provision so that we can make the critically important transition to renewable energy in a just and democratic fashion. SDG&E franchise agreements have done a great disservice to San Diego residents who pay the highest utility bills in the country and end up paying SDG&E fees that line the pocketbooks of wealthy shareholders and Executives. It's a bad deal in terms of equity and in terms of sustainability, since SDG&E's franchise proposal locks San Diego into an unaccountable 20 year contract and contains no firm commitments to climate action. Indeed, SDG&E has often resisted climate action and renewable energy. San Diego deserves better, and we must take advantage of this opportunity to lead California down the path of climate action by getting off the gas and investing in the sustainable future of our city, which will suffer disproportionately from the lack of swift action on greenhouse gas emissions. This is an important moment for our city; let's put San Diego's families and communities, as well as California's water and coastline, first by taking the first steps towards bold climate action regarding our energy utilities.</p>
5/24/2021 21:55	Meaghan Cohen	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>I urge the City Council to reject the Mayor's franchise deal to San Diego Gas & Electric. The San Diego City Council should deny SDG&E franchise agreements and demand public power. We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reshape our broken energy system.</p> <p>We have some of the highest energy rates in the country. Our community cannot afford such high rates, especially when the corporate monopoly is pocketing the profits. If the impact of COVID-19 has taught us anything, it is that we must support our communities by providing them with access to affordable resources and San Diegans cannot face 20 more years of this price gauging.</p> <p>These agreements instead deliver an effective 20-year term with no viable off ramp, no accountability, and no path to climate justice, 100% renewable energy, and zero carbon. In order to deal with the climate crises we must act now and not punt this problem to future generations. City Council must reject the Mayor's proposed deal with SDG&E and stop perpetuating our climate emergency.</p> <p>Not another 10 years with the abusive partner of SDG&E franchise. Fifty years was enough. The way forward for the council is clear: Stand up for your constituents against egregious corporate profits and against a utility whose parent company promotes fracked gas. Demand a serious study of independent, nonprofit public power.</p>

5/24/2021 21:58	Brenna O'Brien	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Dear City Council,</p> <p>Please vote NO on the bad franchise deal! We are running out of time to make the necessary changes to ensure we have a livable future on this planet. As a student of Environmental Science and young person, I feel it is my duty to advocate for a cleaner, equitable future for San Diego, and this franchise deal is pushing San Diego BACKWARDS. Help me and my generation to have a San Diego that is free of polluted air, resilient to climate change disasters, and allows everyone an equal opportunity to power. San Diegans pay some of the highest rates in the area. PLEASE do not continue to lead us down this path.</p> <p>Lead San Diego and California towards a livable future and vote NO. I have no choice but to count on you to do the right thing.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
5/24/2021 22:06	Emily Spencer	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>I am asking that the City Council reject Mayor's energy franchise deal with SDG&E.</p> <p>In this franchise process we have an opportunity to set up an energy distribution system that invests in our communities, meets our clean energy goals, and holds the franchisee accountable. The deal proposed by Mayor Gloria takes NONE of these priorities into account. These franchise agreement terms are deficient, lack accountability, undervalue the monopoly use of our public lands, and do not invest in our communities or meet our clean energy goals.</p> <p>We want San Diego to be a leader in the equitable distribution of local clean energy. With more clean energy we will have a better climate and cleaner air. We'll be able to fight the worst impacts of climate change and climate injustice, making San Diego more liveable and healthier. However in what the Mayor is proposing in his franchise deal, he is suggesting to make a deal with the devil.</p> <p>Sempra Energy, San Diego Gas and Electric's parent company, says it is "an energy infrastructure company built for the future", but that infrastructure mainly transports fracked methane, a powerful greenhouse gas. So the future they're building really looks like climate hell. This is NOT the future that I want for our city.</p> <p>San Diego families pay the highest energy bills in the continental United States, pay SDG&E's franchise fees, and hand SDG&E \$1 million a day in net profit. And that mountain of profits will get shoveled to Sempra Energy — SDG&E's corporate parent — for investment in expanding the use of environmentally devastating fracked natural gas. The stakes are high, particularly during the pandemic and the worsening climate crisis.</p> <p>The City Council must stand up for us, your constituents, against corporate profits and against a utility whose parent company promotes fracked gas. I demand a serious study of independent, nonprofit public power.</p>
5/24/2021 22:07	Brett Wilkes	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Please vote no on paying the country's highest electricity rates. Don't let us be locked into 10 to 20 more years with a fossil fuel giant!</p>
5/24/2021 22:08	Lilly Irani	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Dear City Council,</p> <p>I urge you to reject the SDG&E Franchise proposal and instead begin the process of municipalizing our energy infrastructure and service provision so that we can make the critically important transition to renewable energy in a just and democratic fashion. SDG&E franchise agreements have done a great disservice to San Diego residents who pay the highest utility bills in the country and end up paying SDG&E fees that line the pocketbooks of wealthy shareholders and Executives. It's a bad deal in terms of equity and in terms of sustainability, since SDG&E's franchise proposal locks San Diego into an unaccountable 20 year contract and contains no firm commitments to climate action. Indeed, SDG&E has often resisted climate action and renewable energy. San Diego deserves better, and we must take advantage of this opportunity to lead California down the path of climate action by getting off the gas and investing in the sustainable future of our city, which will suffer disproportionately from the lack of swift action on greenhouse gas emissions. This is an important moment for our city; let's put San Diego's families and communities, as well as California's water and coastline, first by taking the first steps towards bold climate action regarding our energy utilities.</p>

5/24/2021 22:37	Alexandria Abrams	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>The City Council must reject the proposed electric and gas Franchise Agreements and pursue public power.</p> <p>San Diegans pay the highest energy bills in the continental United States. Customers of public utilities in Los Angeles and in Sacramento pay \$75 to more than \$100 less each month than we pay for electricity. That amounts to \$900 to \$1,200 each year going from each of our pockets to Sempra's profits. With the Mayor's proposed agreement, San Diegans would pay SDG&E's franchise fees, and hand SDG&E \$1 million a day in net profit. That mountain of profits will get shoveled to Sempra Energy (SDG&E's corporate parent) for investment in expanding the use of fracked natural gas—their profits mean our climate pollution. This is robbery by a corporate monopoly. The stakes are high, particularly during the health and economic pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus and the climate crisis- that will only get worse over the next 20 years, the maximum duration of the proposed agreements.</p> <p>Remember that every ratepayer is a person with a family who is trying to pay their bills. Your vote today on these franchise agreements will make a decision for all San Diego families. And let's be clear, this is a monopoly. I cannot take my business elsewhere or simply opt out of the system. I don't have a choice- but you, City Council, you do. Do not keep us tied to these high rates for a generation.</p> <p>The agreements have absolutely no firm commitments to climate, equity and wildfire safety. In addition to charging those high rates, SDG&E has repeatedly sought to obstruct local rooftop solar and has accumulated numerous violations against the city and ratepayers. These are all important datapoints in assessing whether SDG&E will be a "good partner" over the next 10 years of the proposed agreement. In its current form, the franchise agreements contain no accountability on climate action. The proposal states that SDG&E has until 2037 to start paying to advance the city's climate equity goals. However, if the deal is terminated after 10 years, the city does not receive the \$20 million and that would put our city even further from addressing the climate crisis with much needed solutions.</p> <p>One of the major components in the tentative agreement reached between Mayor Todd Gloria and SDG&E calls for a deal lasting 10 years, with an automatic renewal for another 10 years should the city deem the utility a good partner. The past 50 years have given us more than enough information and we know NOW that they are a bad partner. SDG&E does not deserve in the Mayor's words, a "reset" with our City. The time for accepting the bare</p>
5/24/2021 22:46	Kathy Archibald	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>I live in District 2. I am urging Council President Campbell and all council members to vote NO on the extension of the bad franchise deal and ensure the city has proper time to evaluate better options, including a public power option, instead of SDG&E.</p> <p>San Diego deserves better, and a publicly owned option is feasible and has been successful in various part of the state and country.</p> <p>Right now, we have some of the highest utility costs in the state, and climate change is becoming increasingly critical. Please give San Diego a chance to move toward sustainability and better service to the community when it comes to our power options. Besides being an unpopular provider, Sempra also should simply not be rewarded for its involvement in fracking. We can do so much better, and San Diegans deserve better than SDG&E. We want competitive costs and a sustainable future with clean, renewable energy, preferable with public power. Thank you.</p>
5/24/2021 23:26	Sarah Furrow	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Voting against the terms of the SDGE franchise deal is so important to me. Climate change is a real problem, right now, and we need our leaders to take a stand for our environment and our future, right now. It is unacceptable to agree to anything longer than a 5 year term with a company who relies so heavily on fossil fuels. We need to work to develop a public power utility and put our money back into our community, into clean and green energy investments (over the course of the next 20 years I'm sure there will be even more new amazing green technology!), instead of to the shareholders of a private company.</p> <p>My son was born during the pandemic and it is unfathomable to think that if this deal goes through, he will be in college wondering why our leaders didn't stand up for his generation and our environment when they had the chance. Please consider our future and our environment and vote against this deal. Please be a part of the climate solution, for our children's sake.</p>
5/24/2021 23:28	Alyssa Kane	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>SDG&E and Sempra have notoriously fought renewable energy, while continuing to expand fossil fuel extraction and even fracking. This is not the type of company that the city should be signing long-term contracts with. I ask that you limit the franchise agreement to 5 years or less so that the city can begin to invest in renewables and explore a public power option, rather than rely on a contract with SDG&E for the next 10-20 years. San Diegans do not want to fund dirty energy, we want to work toward a clean energy future.</p>
5/25/2021 0:00	Morgan Block	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>San Diego families pay the highest energy bills in the continental United States, pay SDG&E's franchise fees, and hand SDG&E \$1 million a day in net profit. We can see the impacts of the climate crisis and climate injustice and we need action now. However, despite SDG&E's repeated violations against the city and ratepayers and a history of actively opposing climate action and renewable energy, the agreements have absolutely no firm commitments to climate, equity and wildfire safety. We call on the City Council to protect our families, schools, and businesses by voting to reject the proposed terms and instead demand an extension to the current agreements that requires an exploration of public power options.</p>

5/25/2021 0:25	Nanci E Kelly	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	As always I am submitting these comments on behalf of my two granddaughters, my children, and, as a retired teacher, my past students and their families, all of whom have the right to a livable, sustainable future. The franchise agreements being presented provide SDG&E with, effectively, a 20-year term (10 + 10 = 20 no matter how you do the addition). I was in an SDG&E townhall in January, at which time Mitch Mitchell pointed out that they had signed 20-year contracts that created higher rates due to the quickly changing energy landscape, yet, here we are, poised to find our city accepting the same length of term in a rapidly evolving climate framework. San Diegans have repeatedly expressed the need for a shorter (preferably 5-year) term during this time of changing climate considerations. I am particularly concerned given that SDG&E's parent company, SEMPRA, has repeatedly been singled out for their anti-climate lobbying in CA. SDG&E calls itself a partner of our city; in fact it is an extension of a company that sold off all their renewables in 2019 to focus their future business model on a complete commitment to fracked LNG. They are focussed on global markets working out of Baja CA, Mexico. Environmental, atmospheric degradation cannot be siloed - what SEMPRA's goals are become reflected in SDG&E's corporate culture - and future generations are affected. SDG&E/SEMPRA is also obtaining "renewable" energy from Baja where there is a lack of oversight and regulation and they have made no attempts to evaluate its quality. A further example of their corporate culture is that the SEMPRA board recently encouraged their shareholders to vote down the Paris Climate proposal goals - which all but 37% of their shareholders did - because of their fracking operations which create methane gas. Just as with an individual, corporate actions speak louder than the words they spin and SDG&E has been spinning like a top throughout its previous franchise term. So here we are, with another agreement that provides little of what has been identified as needed: no off-ramp/Right to Purchase clause; no strong climate or equity language; a Compliance Review Committee, Biennial audits, and new potential levels of dispute resolution, but with no specific provisions/requirements that I can find; and no strong language regarding the exploration of public power alternatives. Additionally, these agreements appear to withhold \$20 million in equity funding for 16 years - until 2037! - something that is highly inequitable and disincentivizes the city from leaving the agreements. Despite SDG&E's repeated violations against the city and its ratepayers, their history of actively opposing climate action (e.g. lobbying against formation of the CCA, currently undercutting and misrepresenting solar customers, of which I am one, and therefore attempting to disincentivize that area of renewable energy) these agreements lack the requirements of a firm commitment to climate, equity or the future of our children and grandchildren. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
5/25/2021 1:11	Joan Reese	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	This proposed new SDG&E franchise agreement would not be in the best interests of San Diego's citizens and ratepayers nor of the City. Have we not learned from past experience? This investor-owned utility (IOU) has historically under-invested in infrastructure, has attempted to pass on its liability in the Witch Creek fire to ratepayers, and has overcharged the City to the tune of millions, while San Diegans pay among the highest rates in the country. In this time of climate emergency, it disincentivizes rooftop solar installations while using hundreds of millions of dollars in San Diego-generated profits to support fracking expansion out-of-state. Should we celebrate that the City would receive an increase in franchise fees, the tab for which will be passed on to ratepayers? With a publicly-owned or municipal utility, which would not prioritize shareholder profits and excessive executive compensation, San Diego's residents will gain relief from the inexcusably high rates—among the very highest in the state and nation. With a municipal utility, San Diego will be in a better position to meet our renewable energy commitment. And, the municipal utility route will be a smart move economically for the City. I urge you to accept no more than a 5-year term, which would allow transition to a municipal utility, if after serious study the City Council decides to go that route, managed with a goal of delivering cost-effective electricity to the rate-paying residents of San Diego while honoring our Climate Action Plan. This San Diego City Council has a unique opportunity to make a decision that will have an enduring positive impact on our region's future and on the lives of our children and grandchildren. I urge you to vote against approval of this proposed franchise agreement.
5/25/2021 1:28	Mary M McKenzie	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	As it renegotiates the Franchise agreement with SDG&E, San Diego has a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reshape our broken energy system and consider the many benefits of public power options. Currently, San Diegans pay the highest energy bills in the continental United States, pay SDG&E's franchise fees, and hand SDG&E \$1 million a day in net profits. The proposed agreements under consideration deliver SDG&E an effective 20-year term with no exit clause for the City, no accountability, and no path to climate justice, 100% renewable energy, or zero carbon. Hence, this agreement would make hollow San Diego's Climate Action Plan. I ask that the City Council, including my D3 Councilmember Stephen Whitburn, reject the proposed agreement and instead demand an extension to the negotiations and require an exploration of public power options. San Diego families, schools, and businesses deserve a better energy deal for our future.
5/25/2021 4:15	Terry Gillis	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Please vote against the franchise agreements and instead for an extension of the current agreements. The future is now - please fight for terms that will promote 100% renewable energy, zero carbon, public power options and climate justice.

5/25/2021 7:08	Martin Eder	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Martin Eder <activistsd@gmail.com> Mon, May 24, 9:42 PM (9 hours ago) to Martin, bcc: Setche, bcc: darwin, bcc: Yusef, bcc: Patricia, bcc: Michael, bcc: Henri, bcc: Jesus, bcc: Valentin, bcc: Jack, bcc: josiecaballerod@gmail.com, bcc: Angela, bcc: Mike, bcc: Casey, bcc: Carson</p> <p>Call in to SD City Council May 25, '21 - Meeting starts 11am, SDGE Franchise Agenda item at 3 PM https://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/agenda-comment-form Agenda item number is # 330 Mayor Gloria and SDGE proposed franchises are for a 10-year term with a virtually automatic 10-year extension, > unless the City Council, by a 2/3rd's vote, chooses to "void" the automatic renewal, upon payment of a refund to the Grantee of a portion of the Bid Amount. > Council members should be advised that the City should, as a legal and practical matter, be able to "void" the second 10-year term.</p> <p>I am reaching out to ask you to call your council member if you haven't and ask them to vote NO on item #330, NO to more SDGE Abuse!. Attached ia a script if you need it. . Also if you could leave a comment AND/or call into the meeting. I have attached instructions as to how to do that at the bottom. I have also attached a power point comparing public power in other California cities to SDG&E. Feel free to pass this on to any friends or family sick of SDGE.</p> <p>Script: "Hi! my name is _____, and I'm a constituent of District ____ calling to urge Councilmember _____ to vote NO on the franchise deal with SDG&E. To Leave a Comment: May 24th! https://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/agenda-comment-form Item 330</p> <p>We want Public Power, affordable utility rates, keeping union jobs and the ability to meet sustainable, climate objectives. THIS IS THE BIGGEST FINANCIAL DECISION OF A GENERATION! STOP THE SCAM! VOTE NO! Vote NO to the HIGHEST utility rates in the continental USA! Save SD's economy and family incomes. Vote NO to Semptra-SDG&E whose profits rely on Fracking. Vote NO to a company that has screwed the City of SD so, so often! Vote NO SDG&E executives who take up to \$16 million in compensation. Vote NO to a \$20 BILLION deal for SDGE with very little to the City! Vote NO Because SDGE bills rate-payers for its City fees, making this a regressive TAX! Vote NO to any agreement of more than 5 years! We need time to study our options including a buy-</p>
5/25/2021 7:15	Jonathan Graubart	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>I am a professor of International Relations at SDSU very worried about our climate crisis. Our top experts all over the globe insist we need to make rapid and significant changes. It is with great disappointment then to learn of this anemic, corporatist new city franchise deal with SDG&E. Such a deal contradicts Mayor Gloria's commitment to make a new change in San Diego politics. Under this status quo, top-down arrangement, San Diego signals its lack of receptivity to both the climate crisis and the underlying social justice issues, in which the worst effects of the climate crisis are experienced most gravely by the most vulnerable sectors of the society. It is not too late to change course. I urge the city council to do so. San Diego could then really be one of the finest cities in today's most vital struggle.</p>
5/25/2021 7:23	Wendy Gelernter	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Please vote no on the Mayor's proposed 20 year franchise agreement with SDGE. This is both a fiscally and morally irresponsible agreement. It's fiscally irresponsible binds us to a company that has breached the current franchise agreement by refusing to pay for removal of some utility equipment from city land, that has been accused by the city of overcharging for undergrounding overhead power lines. And it's morally irresponsible because it sticks San Diego ratepayers with the highest utility rates in the continental U.S., and with a company that is obstructing the move to renewable energy. Please stand up for your constituents, and not for a mega corporation that ignores the interests of San Diegans, of the environment and of the fiscal health of our city.</p>
5/25/2021 7:37	suzanna neal	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Vote no Do not let SDGE blackmail us</p>
5/25/2021 7:51	Susan Baldwin	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Dear San Diego City Councilmembers, Please adopt a franchise agreement that protects ratepaying families, small businesses, workers, and helps San Diego achieve our climate action plan goals. San Diego needs a committed partner willing to tackle the evolving energy landscape and demonstrate accountability to its residents and businesses. A five-year term with SDG&E is the responsible choice. Please do not vote in favor of the 10+10 year agreement before you today. Please show by your vote that you understand the climate emergency we face. Your vote against the proposal will help San Diego do its part in addressing the climate crisis. Thank you. Sincerely, Susan Baldwin</p>
5/25/2021 7:52	Gina Ruiz	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>I urge the council to reject the proposed energy Franchise Agreements. I pay for energy and I should be able to choose a different company if I don't like SDG&E. I want public power, more accountability, a clear path to climate justice, and 100% renewable energy. Please don't miss this chance. NOW is the time.</p>
5/25/2021 7:55	Barbara Trzcinski	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>This is not in the best interest of San Diegans nor the environment. I urge you to vote NO on 330.</p>

5/25/2021 8:06	Jean Mullenax	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Please vote NO on the mayor's gas and electric franchise deal with SDG&E:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- NO on any agreement with a party who charges us the highest rates in the state, and in the continental US! -- NO on any agreement with a party who offers us a pennies-on-the-dollar climate equity fund that cannot be tapped until 2037! as a substitute for their net profits of over a million dollars every day -- roughly \$20 billion over 20 years -- all of which we need to reap, keep, and use to fund the pressing needs of our city, including major city-wide energy programs -- rooftop solar, electrification, public transit, parks, and tree planting, etc. -- all designed to address serious societal inequity as well as the climate crisis right away, way beyond the scope of their paltry equity fund; -- NO on any agreement with a party who repeatedly puts their own private gain ahead of the public interest, even in matters of existential importance, by undercutting community choice energy, by gutting rooftop solar in favor of building lucrative power plants, by grossly overcharging for their electric vehicle charging stations, by far the most expensive in CA, and by growing instead of curtailing their climate-killing gas business; -- NO on any agreement with a party who repeatedly bullies the City in order to increase their already outrageous profits by refusing to make way for our critical Pure Water Project water supply lines and to underground their overhead power lines at agreed rates, and by threatening to withhold their franchise fees from the City in order to frighten Councilmembers into giving them the franchise deal they want, and now belatedly but still blatantly requesting permission from the CPUC to do this; -- NO on any agreement for over five years, let alone a 10-and-10-and-effectively-20-year deal; -- NO on any agreement that does not require rate reductions; -- NO on any agreement that does not include funding for an immediate, independent cost-benefit analysis of establishing and operating an independent nonprofit publicly owned power utility in San Diego; and finally -- NO on any agreement that does not include a "right-to-purchase" with funding for an expedited independent or collaborative appraisal of SDG&E's infrastructure -- a real "off ramp" to public power. <p>Please be especially mindful of 1) the magnitude of this deal with SDG&E -- it's a giveaway of billions for millions!!!, 2) the gross inadequacy of the proffered Climate Equity Fund, and 3) that way beyond the money, this vote, IMO, is the most important local vote happening anywhere in our country 'cause as Bill McKibben says in his piece copied below, if we still do have a chance to stop global heating and climate catastrophe, we simply have to kick gas -- immediately -- right here now in San Diego -- and this means that we cannot afford to do one more dollar's worth of business with profiteering gas peddling SDG&E and Semptra than is absolutely necessary.</p>
5/25/2021 8:14	Angela Kilman	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>The Mayor's proposed electric and gas Franchise Agreements are not acceptable. We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reshape our broken energy system and address climate change. This is the deciding decade in terms of mitigating climate change. We need to transition NOW to renewable energy sources and stop all invest in GAS. These agreements instead deliver an effective 20-year term with no viable off ramp, no accountability, and no path to climate justice, 100% renewable energy, and zero carbon.</p> <p>We can see the impacts of the climate crisis and climate injustice and we need action now. However, despite SDG&E's repeated violations against the city and ratepayers and a history of actively opposing climate action and renewable energy, the agreements have absolutely no firm commitments to climate, equity and wildfire safety.</p>
5/25/2021 8:19	Dan Gallagher	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Dear San Diego City Councilmembers,</p> <p>Please adopt a franchise agreement that protects ratepaying families, small businesses, workers, and helps San Diego achieve our climate action plan goals. San Diego needs a committed partner willing to tackle the evolving energy landscape and demonstrate accountability to its residents and businesses. A five-year term with SDG&E is the responsible choice. Please do not vote in favor of the 10+10 year agreement before you today. Please show by your vote that you understand the climate emergency we face. Your vote against the proposal will help San Diego do its part in addressing the climate crisis.</p> <p>Thank you, Dan Gallagher</p>
5/25/2021 8:22	Skylar Knight	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Vote NO on the proposed franchise agreement with SDG&E! We demand a better deal for San Diegans, one that addresses the need for action against climate change, affordable and accessible energy, and improved infrastructure without price gouging. Any deal that doesn't address the above is an affront to our city and it's citizens.</p>
5/25/2021 8:23	Steven Gelb	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>I urge the City Council to reject the proposed 20 year contract with San Diego Gas and Electric. SDG&E charges San Diego residents the highest electric rates in the nation, while its parent company, Semptra Energy, pursues profits by promoting fossil fuels, including fracking for oil.. Please vote "no"!</p>
5/25/2021 8:29	Crystal Green	3/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>If we don't stop burning fossil fuels California will become increasingly unlivable in our lifetime. Please say NO to this bad franchise deal with SDG&E - it will lock the city into a long-term tight relationship with a fossil fuel utility and parent company instead of seeking healthier and more viable alternatives. Our local future is in your hands, as is the future of people in the Global South, the plants and the animals. Please do the right thing. History will judge us all.</p>

5/25/2021 8:31	Katie Levy	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Please vote NO on moving forward with the Franchise Energy Agreements with SDG&E put forward by Mayor Gloria. This is an important decision, and the current agreement does not achieve an equitable clean energy future for San Diego. Instead a new deal should be put forward that focuses on a shorter length contract period, as well as growing renewable energy generation, decarbonizing buildings, and investing in communities of concern that bear the brunt of environmental justice inequity.
5/25/2021 8:34	zach Potter	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	This is bad for San Diego. Vote No.
5/25/2021 8:40	Anna Rosenwong	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	My name is Anna Rosenwong, and I'm a constituent of District 3. I urge Councilmember Ward to vote NO on the franchise deal with SDG&E. We want public power, affordable utility rates, keeping union jobs and the ability to meet sustainable, climate objectives.
5/25/2021 8:44	Clint Potter	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	330 is bad for San Diego and the environment. I urge you to vote No.
5/25/2021 8:46	Paula Carmona	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	I am disappointed with Todd Gloria's proposed electric and gas Franchise Agreement as it locks San Diego into a very long-term agreement with SDG&E and does not provide a desperately needed pathway to 100% renewable energy and zero carbon emissions. This is a time for new behavior that supports the people of San Diego from cost -gouging contracts that endanger our future and rob our pocketbooks. Come on, City Counsel, you can do better than this!!!
5/25/2021 8:47	Alexander Kilman	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	I love being a San Diegan: I love the beauty of our city and county, and I love the opportunities living here offers to spend time outside, in beautiful natural surroundings. As a young person, though, I can tangibly sense that what I love about this place is threatened--and increasingly so--by the effects of the broader climate crisis, and by increasingly dirty air in particular. Power companies like SDGE, which, as the present situation makes clear, have community leaders in their grips and will stop at nothing to increase their own profits, endanger the health, the prospects, the futures of our community members and fellow citizens--and members of historically disadvantaged communities disproportionately so. Many young people are losing faith in their futures. Many already have. The time to act was yesterday. But today is still better than 20 years from now. It is outrageous that at a time like the present, when Californians have already suffered immensely over the course of the past year from the effects of climate change, when most feel that the present situation is unacceptable and unsustainable, that a democratic mayor and democratic-led city council would sell out our health and well-being--the health and well-being of San Diegans, of our neighbors and friends-- would sell out our future, no less! --to the craven, insatiable, and impersonal greed of a power company. Yesterday was the time to switch to renewables, and to do so with urgency. Yesterday was the time to fight for justice for historically disadvantaged communities disproportionately hit by the effects of climate change. But today is still better than tomorrow. Know this: your constituents are watching. They are waiting to see, to hear, whether you support them--whether you'll have the courage to support San Diegans--or whether you'll sell their health and future for the profits of a few. Please act accordingly
5/25/2021 8:48	Marie Draz	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	The Mayor's proposed electric and gas Franchise Agreements are not acceptable. We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reshape our broken energy system. These agreements instead deliver an effective 20-year term with no viable off ramp, no accountability, and no path to climate justice, 100% renewable energy, and zero carbon. I urge the City Council to reject the proposed terms and instead demand an extension to the current agreements that requires an exploration of public power options.
5/25/2021 8:52	Cheryl O'Brien	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Vote NO on proposed deal w/ SDG&E. Do the right thing for tackling climate change.

5/25/2021 8:54	Matt Kilman	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Falling far short of what is needed at this critical point in time, the Mayor's proposed electric and gas Franchise Agreements simply perpetuate a broken energy system. These proposed agreements deliver an effective 20-year term with inadequate accountability, and no plan for climate justice, 100% renewable energy, and zero carbon. I respectfully request that the City Council vote to reject the proposed terms of these agreements and instead demand an extension to the current agreements that require an exploration of public power options.</p> <p>San Diego families pay the highest energy bills in the continental United States, pay SDG&E's franchise fees, and hand SDG&E \$1 million a day in net profit. The Mayor and the City Council must show some leadership on this issue.</p> <p>Throughout this process, San Diegans made clear that the status quo is not working, and called for short term agreements, a simple appraisal "Right to Purchase" clause, strong climate, equity and worker provisions, lower rates, and a full exploration of public power alternatives. Instead of prioritizing equity, the proposed agreements withhold \$20 million in equity dollars for 16 years to disincentivize the City from leaving the agreements. That is the very definition of inequity and we cannot wait until 2037 to uplift communities of concern.</p> <p>The impacts of the climate crisis and climate injustice can be seen right now and the San Diego City Council needs to take action now. Despite SDG&E's repeated violations against the city and ratepayers and despite a history of actively opposing climate action and renewable energy, these proposed agreements have absolutely no firm commitments to climate, equity and wildfire safety. The City Council must vote to reject the proposed terms of these agreements.</p>
5/25/2021 8:55	John Thickstun	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Please vote to oppose awarding the franchise to SDG&E. It is clearly in your constituents best interests to - at the very least, study the impact this agreement will have on all San Diegans. There is time. Take it. The lights will stay on.</p>
5/25/2021 8:56	Max Kilman	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>To hear of Mayor Gloria's bad Franchise Energy Agreements with SDG&E was a major disappointment. As a young adult, I find myself concerned the impacts of the climate crisis and climate injustice every day, thinking about what the future might look like if we don't take action now. SDG&E has a history of actively opposing climate action and renewable energy, and the agreements have absolutely no firm commitments to climate, equity and wildfire safety. It is revolting to think that with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reshape our broken energy system, the City would choose a plan that would deliver an effective 20-year term with no viable off ramp, no accountability, and no path to climate justice, 100% renewable energy, and zero carbon. In addition, instead of prioritizing equity, the proposed agreements withhold \$20 million in equity dollars for 16 years to disincentivize the City from leaving the agreements. That is the very definition of inequity and we cannot wait until 2037 to uplift communities of concern. Don't forget, San Diego families pay the highest energy bills in the continental United States, pay SDG&E's franchise fees, and hand SDG&E \$1 million a day in net profit. We call on the City Council to protect our families, schools, and businesses by voting to reject the proposed terms and instead demand an extension to the current agreements that requires an exploration of public power options.</p>
5/25/2021 8:59	Ryan Saenger	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>I oppose the proposed Franchise Agreement. The 20-year contract is too long. It shields the awardee from competition and undermines the City's ability to demand changes to its energy infrastructure.</p>
5/25/2021 9:19	Dr. Scott T. Kelley	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>I am completely opposed to the mayor's proposed Franchise deal extends SDG&E's energy monopoly for another 10-years, but really 20, with no off-ramp. This is 20 years (an entire generation!) forced to 1) Pay the highest rates in the continental US; 2) Support Sempra's fossil fuel extraction; 3) Fund a company that regularly defrauds San Diego; 4) Pay millions that goes to corrupt politicians and non-profits, and more yachts for overpaid executives; and 5) Pay to fight green energy solutions like rooftop solar.</p> <p>Vote NO on this terrible deal and let's switch to Public Power so we can have a fighting chance for climate justice and a decent green future.</p>
5/25/2021 9:19	J Z	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>NO on the proposed franchise with SDG&E. We've given them a very profitable deal for the past century, but that's no reason to allow them to continue. The term should be a) much shorter, eg 5 years or less; b) provide the city with a much larger share of the huge profits we are enabling (eg a fixed percentage of revenue gained); c) rejected entirely in favor of a municipal utility such as LA or Sacramento.</p>

5/25/2021 9:35	Martin Eder	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>We want Public Power, affordable utility rates, keeping union jobs and the ability to meet sustainable, climate objectives. THIS IS THE BIGGEST FINANCIAL DECISION OF A GENERATION! STOP THE SCAM! VOTE NO!</p> <p>Vote NO to the HIGHEST utility rates in the continental USA! Save SD's economy and family incomes.</p> <p>Vote NO to Sempra-SDG&E whose profits rely on Fracking.</p> <p>Vote NO to a company that has screwed the City of SD so, so often!</p> <p>Vote NO SDG&E executives who take up to \$16 million in compensation.</p> <p>Vote NO to a \$20 BILLION deal for SDGE with very little to the City!</p> <p>Vote NO Because SDGE bills rate-payers for its City fees, making this a regressive TAX!</p> <p>Vote NO to any agreement of more than 5 years! We need time to study our options including a buy-out and "Public Power" run by a non-profit agency!</p> <p>Vote NO to taking \$1 MILLION-a day IN PROFITS from San Diegans who desperately need the funds for the people & the planet.</p> <p>Vote NO because there is no way to reach our SD climate goals with a FOR-PROFIT corporation maximizing its private gain!</p> <p>Vote NO on this TERRIBLE SCAM, another abusive SDGE rip-off.</p>
5/25/2021 9:37	Hayden Schill	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Dear City Council, I urge you to vote NO on the proposed franchise agreement with SDG&E. This agreement would lock San Diego into a terrible agreement with SDG&E for the next 20 years. In addition to paying some of the highest utility rates in the country, San Diego will NOT be able to make progress on its climate plan if it makes an agreement with SDG&E. This deal is bad for San Diego rate payers and bad for our environment! I implore you to please vote NO!</p>
5/25/2021 9:38	Bart Chafe	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>I encourage you to vote no on the Franchise Energy Agreements with SDG&E. It does not do enough to address the energy/climate crisis facing our region, our country, and our planet. For once, let San Diego be a leader. Extend the current contract with SDG&E and then work with them (or without them if necessary) to find energy solutions that acknowledge the crisis we are facing. THE TIME TO PUSH FOR CLEAN ENERGY IS NOW!</p>
5/25/2021 9:55	April Anson	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reshape our broken energy system. These SDG&E's agreements instead deliver an effective 20-year term with no viable off ramp, no accountability, and no path to climate justice, 100% renewable energy, and zero carbon. San Diego families pay the highest energy bills in the continental United States, pay SDG&E's franchise fees, and hand SDG&E \$1 million a day in net profit. REJECT THIS AGREEMENT!!! DO it for your families, neighbors, children-DO IT BECAUSE IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO! Thank you for voting for the health and survivability of our futures!</p>
5/25/2021 9:59	Lauren-Taylor Mansfield	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>It is imperative we look beyond the Mayor's proposed franchise deal with SDG&E. We have a once in a lifetime opportunity to reshape San Diego's energy system. We pay the highest energy costs with no commitment to climate justice, renewable energy, or zero carbon. Please vote to reject the proposed terms and instead demand an extension to the current agreements that requires an exploration of public power options.</p>
5/25/2021 10:08	Pamela Terrebonne	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>My question is why SDG&E was the only bidder for San Diego's premium franchise agreement. It appears as though San Diego is over a barrel to a private company - that owes no allegiance to any but their shareholders. SDG&E can't be faulted for taking care of their investors - they have a fiduciary imperative to take care of their i shareholders first, foremost and always. Congruently, the San Diego City Council has a fiduciary, civic and moral responsibility to take care of San Diego residents and businesses, first, foremost and always. The proposed extension of SDG&E's bid for " 10 + 10 years" is simply unacceptable. So as not to cause undue hardship on San Diego residents and businesses, now and into the future, I urge all City Council members to take a five year option with SDG&E. Our beloved city is facing increasingly uncertain and potentially catastrophic environmental issues. San Diego requires a public utility that works for all San Diegans, not just the relatively few stakeholders of Sempra. This is an outstanding opportunity to do what's best for San Diego. SDG&E is more than welcome to step up to the plate and show what they think a true partnership can do for all San Diegans. But remember, SDG&E is not " in it" for San Diegans; profits for their shareholders is their sole , fiduciary responsibility. Given five years, surely our current city council members - all serious, dedicated civil servants of San Diego and their formidable staff members - can find answers that will not only benefit San Diegans here and now, but also "help the City achieve its climate action and equity controls," - sandiego.gov -March 2021 - "Bidders Invited to Compete for Exclusive Rights to Provide Gas and Electricity Services to City Residents and Businesses.</p>
5/25/2021 10:16	Kristin Rebien	5/25/2020	City Council Comment	330	<p>I urge you to please not extend the city's partnership with a large for-profit corporation to deliver electricity in San Diego. We have an obligation to do what we can to combat climate change. Sempra Energy is first and foremost responsible to its shareholders and their financial gain. We cannot expect a private corporation to serve our community and protect the climate. Since we have an opportunity to consider public options that are not first and foremost profit-driven, let's do it. Given the dramatic progression of climate change, doing what we can to slow it down should be our primary concern.</p>
5/25/2021 10:17	Rosleen Reynolds	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>I am adamantly opposed to the proposed 10 year deal with Sdge. We need a progressive approach to energy management and free use from dependence on fossil fuel. And we would reportedly be paying the highest rates in the country. Outrageous.</p>

5/25/2021 10:19	Anthony Isham	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	I am a San Diego resident who lives in the community of La Jolla. I am opposed to item 330, the franchise agreement for SDG&E. Allowing this company to monopolize our energy seriously impacts communities all over San Diego. The company can set as high of a rate as it wants overcharging customers and further impoverishing our citizens. Their methods of energy extraction and generation can be detrimental and contribute to the pollution of our beautiful state. Please strike down this proposal and do what is necessary to improve the lives of all that live in San Diego.
5/25/2021 10:27	Anne Barron	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Dear City Councilmembers:</p> <p>The Peace Resource Center of San Diego asks the Mayor and City Council to include the following in the upcoming franchise agreement with SDGE and/or other power companies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - require that the priority terms for a clean energy future be included in the final franchise agreements. -Mandate that corporate shareholders, not ratepayers, pay for lobbying, campaign contributions, and to use the public right of way for their profit. Our utilities must commit to generating good jobs that meet or exceed current standards and wages and ensure the right to unionize. - Meet our Climate and Equity Goals: Require our utilities to cooperate with the City to meet local clean energy and climate goals, protect consumers, incentivize efficiency, and prevent dangerous wildfires. - ensure that all residents have a basic service regardless of income by instituting an Equity Fund that provides assistance to low-income residents - Ensure Utility Accountability: Make the agreement term a maximum of 5 years, require regular performance evaluations, and levy daily penalties on corporate shareholders if agreement terms are violated.
5/25/2021 10:32	Gail Nagle	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Many San Diego residents are not aware of the momentous decision which will be made here today regarding their future well being. But they are trusting in you, our 10 city councillors, to protect their interests by not handing over their energy future to a ruthless corporation which charges them the highest rates in the country but has failed utterly to invest in climate saving energy infrastructure like battery storage for the excess solar we produce. SDG&E's only interest is in burning gas produced by its parent company SEMPRA ENERGY. The gas they refine and sell to SDG&E is fracked methane, a destructive heat trapping gas 40 times more efficient at retaining heat than carbon dioxide. In the city of San Diego we collectively pay approximately \$450 Million Dollars each year, over and above the franchise fees and underground fees, in so-called profits used to pay their wealthy shareholders and to expand Semptra's methane production and export it out of a port in Baja (no San Diego jobs there). The offer before you today locks San Diegans into contract with an unfaithful partner for another generation. The mayor proposes partnering with a company that fights solar, overcharges the city, breaches its contracts, and actively contributes to climate change with its dependence on fracking. It smacks of political corruption by those who seek to advance their own political futures with SDG&E campaign dollars at the expense of the public good. Vote no and save the city. When drought, fires and floods from rising oceans beset us in the coming years, your vote today will show whether you sought to solve the problem of climate change or make it worse.</p>
5/25/2021 10:35	Colleen Dietzel	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	Please vote no on the proposed Franchise Agreement with SDG&E. I am sure you are aware of all the concerns brought forward from environmental and social justice groups. Please be on the right side of history and do your part in addressing our climate crisis.
5/25/2021 10:41	Pat Herron	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>We should NOT sign a new lease with SDG&E. We should have a municipal utility. We are selling major assets at a totally ridiculous price. We are giving away our assets to SDG&E. Gloria conducted these meetings in secret which is against the law.</p> <p>Other cities in Calif. that have converted to municipal utilities have much lower rates than San Diego which will only continue to be gouged by SDG&E if we do this. Please do not make a new lease with SDG&E. NO SDG&E.</p> <p>Pat Herron</p>

5/25/2021 10:44	Peter Zahn	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Honorable Council President and Councilmembers:</p> <p>I'm a Commissioner on the Solana Beach Climate Action Commission. Also our city has implemented strong climate laws, we need the City of San Diego to do the heavy lifting so our region will truly benefit.</p> <p>Today's vote is critical, and will decide whether or not the City of San Diego and our region stays with the fossil fuel approach that's dominated for over 100 years, or moves to clean energy, and improved health outcomes for our residents, region and planet.</p> <p>There was a time, before you decided to run for elective office, that you aspired to have substantial, positive impact on those around you. Today is the day to recall that idealism, and cast a vote that will truly impact our region for 20 years and beyond.</p> <p>I hope you agree it makes no sense to extend the SDG&E franchises for 20 more years. And it is inconsistent with the City's CAP.</p> <p>Please tell the mayor and SDG&E to come back with a more reasonable agreement. Our children and grandchildren are counting on you.</p> <p>Many thanks and with respect, Peter Zahn Member, Solana Beach Climate Action Commission; former Deputy Mayor, Solana Beach</p>
5/25/2021 10:46	Shea Dockan	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>I do not support giving SDG&E the rights for gas and electric in the city. SDG&E has continued to increase rates and are robbing the people of San Diego. In addition, they also are trying to get a bill through the CA legislature that will make it harder to get solar and it will cost more money. This is completely unacceptable and if you vote to give SDG&E the rights then you will be voted out of your seat next term. Please make gas and electric public. Please listen to us and stop listening to SDG&E who is lining their pockets and probably lining some of yours as well.</p>
5/25/2021 10:48	Tom Abram	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>I'm concerned about the City entering into another long term agreement with SDG&E at this time. SDG&E has been an active opponent to climate efforts, in direct conflict with the City's stated goals. One major example is SDG&E sending letters to municipalities spreading disinformation about electrification in an attempt to scare cities from passing electrification ordinances. We need a utility that will be an active partner in electrification and other climate action efforts rather than an opponent. A contract with SDG&E should be short term (less than five years) with a renewal based on evidence that they have changed their behavior and become an active participant. During this time, the City should seriously explore municipal power in case SDG&E fails to reform. We've taken a step forward with local control through San Diego Community Power, but I'm concerned about these efforts being thwarted by SDG&E.</p>
5/25/2021 10:49	Amanda Matheson	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Please OPPOSE the new franchise deal with SDG&E. SDG&E and Sempra Energy are not committed to San Diego's climate action goals, and are actively opposing renewable energy infrastructure that is necessary to cut carbon emissions. Moreover, SDG&E charges San Diegans one of the highest energy rates in the country, despite their failings to abide by past franchise agreements, failure to invest in cheap renewable energy, and failure to provide consistent electricity to San Diego any time of year. OPPOSE a franchise deal with SDG&E until they start to work for San Diego and in accordance with San Diego's climate goals, or commit to a public-owned utility that answers to San Diego and works for San Diegans.</p>
5/25/2021 10:53	Nancy Postero	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Please do not go for this franchise agreement with SDG&E. There are other options that will allow for our city to maintain its reputation as a city focused on climate action. PLEASE make a better decision!!!</p>
5/25/2021 11:00	john caspar mattes	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>For decades San Diego residents have sadly been exploited with outrageous electric rates by SDG&E, Now the city council has the opportunity to stand with its citizens and say no to the highest electric rates in the country..Yes now the city can fight to stop the exploitation, Meanwhile our failed former mayor tells us to do nothing in the face of decades of overcharges by SDG&E. I hope the new city council has the courage to defend its citizens, Thank you</p>
5/25/2021 11:55	WILLIAM ALBERT	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>The proposed electric and gas Franchise Agreements are not acceptable as they deliver an effective 20-year term with no viable off ramp, no accountability, and no path to climate justice, 100% renewable energy, and zero carbon and offer no way to reshape our already broken energy system.</p> <p>I am calling on the City Council to protect our families and businesses by voting to reject the proposed terms and instead demand an extension to the current agreements that require an exploration of public power options.</p> <p>San Diego families pay the highest energy bills in the continental United States, pay SDG&E's franchise fees, and hand SDG&E \$1 million a day in net profit. This is abhorrent and must be changed</p>

5/25/2021 12:55	Utaw Cuseo-White	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>The Mayor's proposed electric and gas Franchise Agreements are not acceptable. We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reshape our broken energy system. These agreements instead deliver an effective 20-year term with no viable off ramp, no accountability, and no path to climate justice, 100% renewable energy, and zero carbon. We call on the City Council to protect our families, schools, and businesses by voting to reject the proposed terms and instead demand an extension to the current agreements that requires an exploration of public power options. San Diego families pay the highest energy bills in the continental United States, pay SDG&E's franchise fees, and hand SDG&E \$1 million a day in net profit.</p> <p>Throughout this process, San Diegans made clear that the status quo is not working for us, and called for short term agreements, a simple appraisal "Right to Purchase" clause, strong climate, equity and worker provisions, lower rates, and a full exploration of public power alternatives.</p> <p>Instead of prioritizing equity, the proposed agreements withhold \$20 million in equity dollars for 16 years to disincentivize the City from leaving the agreements. That is the very definition of inequity and we cannot wait until 2037 to uplift communities of concern.</p> <p>We can see the impacts of the climate crisis and climate injustice and we need action now. However, despite SDG&E's repeated violations against the city and ratepayers and a history of actively opposing climate action and renewable energy, the agreements have absolutely no firm commitments to climate, equity and wildfire safety.</p>
5/25/2021 15:30	Michael Ishayik	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>The Mayor's proposed electric and gas Franchise Agreements are not acceptable. We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reshape our broken energy system. These agreements instead deliver an effective 20-year term with no viable off ramp, no accountability, and no path to climate justice, 100% renewable energy, and zero carbon. San Diego families pay the highest energy bills in the continental United States, pay SDG&E's franchise fees, and hand SDG&E \$1 million a day in net profit. SDG&E is also the lowest rated utility in the United States, an honor that is really hard to achieve and maintain. We can see the impacts of the climate crisis and climate injustice and we need action now. However, despite SDG&E's repeated violations against the city and ratepayers and a history of actively opposing climate action and renewable energy, the agreements have absolutely no firm commitments to climate, equity and wildfire safety.</p>
5/25/2021 10:43	David Swarens	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	332	<p>I encourage you to approve the various items before you today re the 32nd and Broadway project. (637438). This project was supported by the area community planning group. This project is consistent with the recent 2016 Community Plan update, and went through the process set forth in that. The applicant was engaged with the CPU, and spoke in favor of its adoption when heard by Council, and has now presented a project in a good faith effort following the process laid out for new development over a certain threshold in this sensitive part of our Golden Hill community. Yours, David Swarens. Golden Hill/South Park.</p>
5/23/2021 10:00	Clifford Weiler	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	333	<p>I have no self-interest in this project - I am approaching 75 and will likely be dead before the obvious problems I address will occur. My only interest is logic.</p> <p>Transportation: There is no way the roads can support the vehicular traffic for a retail business such as Home Depot on that block of Camino del Rio South. Reality and even current traffic patterns indicate the intersections at Texas Street and Mission Valley Center will not support the increased traffic flow caused by such a retail business. Despite what the developers will say, the addendum to the EIR at pages 34-35 as to three (3) intersections states mitigation options but then states "However, this mitigation measure is not recommended. There is insufficient right-of-way available ..." and at the bottom of page 34, "The measures described above would be required to mitigate project intersection impacts. As discussed above...the intersections...were found to have significant, unavoidable impacts..." and on page 35, "...the impacts would remain significant and unmitigated..."</p> <p>Also, too many Mission Valley projects are deferring/avoiding future obvious transportation/road improvements by saying it's too early to determine/address impacts because of the unknown impacts from other uncompleted projects. The result will be that at the ultimate end, the city and taxpayers will be burdened by the costs that the developers should have borne. You as councilmembers will not be here then, but I hope you still care, NOW.</p> <p>I believe many others would provide the same input, but either don't know about this project, are apathetic, or perceive input is pointless because the council will or already has decided to support the developer. Unfortunately, I remain a naive idealist.</p> <p>Note to Home Depot: Do you really believe the thousands of apartment dwellers in the valley will buy lumber and outdoor plants, etc.?</p>
5/25/2021 8:45	Carey Algaze	5/25/2021	City Council Comment	333	<p>Please see letter from Ms. Justine Nielsen regarding Agenda Item 333: Home Depot Mission Valley Project No. 657591 that was emailed to the City Clerk as an attachment on May 24, 2021 and again on May 25, 2021.</p>
5/23/2021 20:02	MYONG KIM	5/25/2021	Non-Agenda Comment		<p>Please do not renew deal with sempra/SDGE. A vote to renew is a vote for profit over the citizens of the city. please push for muncipal power, like many cities and places have successfully implemented. Please stop San Diego's dependence on SDGE's bribery and unfair anti consumer practices.</p>

5/24/2021 10:27	Tim Bagby	5/25/2021	Non-Agenda Comment	<p>Good Morning. America's Finest Charter School owns property at 4481 Estrella in San Diego. We have 110 high school students attend school here each day. We purchased the property in 2017 and updated it with a million dollars worth of improvements. We are an asset to our neighborhood and our community. When we purchased the building, there was a contract with Sprint for the communications equipment which is stored in a corner of our facility. This contract is set to expire in November of 2022. Recently, Sprint let us know that they wanted to make improvements to the facility and needed our permission. We have not granted this permission due to the fact that we plan on putting a second story on our building and would like to be done with our contract in November of 2022. After that conversation, Sprint produced another contract they say was signed and good through 2035. We were not aware of this contract, signed by previous owners of the property, when we purchased the property. Sprint now belongs to TMobile. TMobile wants to move forward with similar equipment updates and changes to our building that Spring had in mind. We are not allowing them to move forward. We are a free public charter high school and do not wish to continue to have a steeple on top of our building. We have plans to move forward with an addition to the property and need the contract with Sprint/TMobile to end in November, 2022 as we expected. If TMobile wants to continue to rent our property and make changes to our building, they are going to have to work with us to remove the steeple and work with us on future plans for the building. Two phone calls and two emails have been sent to Councilman Rivera without response. Mr. Gloria's office has been contacted without a response from him. Children come to school here each day and receive an outstanding education. We were able to be open the entire school year because we followed the rules and our staff was willing to come and teach our children. Not one case of COVID amongst the staff or students that was traced here to the school. I realize we are small, but our school would like the city's support in helping us resolve this issue with TMobile .</p>
5/25/2021 2:21	Sandra Stahl, Montgomery-Gibbs Environmental Coalition Executive Director	5/25/2021	Non-Agenda Comment	<p>Here is more information regarding Council members being misled by the City's Airports Deputy Director.</p> <p>Last week you heard about two untrue statements made by the Airports Deputy Director at the April 27th Council meeting, and I told you I have proof they are untrue. Today let's talk about apparent special interests that the Airports Deputy Director seems to favor.</p> <p>The Airports Deputy Director told you he wants to wait until Phillips Petroleum can develop an unleaded aviation fuel in 4 to 5 years - instead of starting to offer Swift Fuels unleaded UL94 aviation fuel right now. Why? Why wait?</p> <p>Swift Fuels FAA-certified unleaded aviation fuel is available right now. As I told you last week, I have spoken directly with Swift Fuels CEO Chris D'Acosta who says that delivery of unleaded UL94 to Montgomery Field could be made within a couple of weeks of the initial order, and quicker after that, as needed. There is no supply problem!</p> <p>And yet the Airports Deputy Director wants to wait as long as up to 5 years for Phillips Petroleum to possibly develop an unleaded aviation fuel. Phillips is currently the supplier of leaded fuel for Montgomery Field. Something does not smell good. The question is, are special interests seeping into airport management? I urge you to investigate the matter.</p> <p>A reminder, right now the exclusive sale of leaded avgas at Montgomery Field creates more than a ton of toxic lead particles every year. In 4 or 5 years that will accumulate to another 4 to 5 tons of toxic lead particles spewed into the air by airport operations, which then will fall to the ground, further contaminating our community. Lead (Pb) never dissipates.</p> <p>A Duke University study on the Effects of Aviation Gasoline on Childhood Blood Lead Levels showed children living within 1000 meters of an airport where planes use leaded avgas have higher blood lead levels than other children. There are at least 6 schools within a mile radius of Montgomery Field and countless younger children live within that radius.</p> <p>An MIT study determined the cost of Childhood IQ Loss from Leaded Aviation Gasoline Emissions contributes to \$1.06</p>

5/25/2021 7:22	Louis Rodolico	5/25/2021	Non-Agenda Comment		<p>I just drove 6,000 miles, to the East coast and back. Many businesses have shut down for good including those owned by many of my friends. During my trip most of the national corporate retailers and restaurants remained open. It was dark corporate money that put Republicans in charge of National Government in 2016 and corporations did get an immediate big tax break in 2017. Quid-Pro-Quo. The pandemic presented an additional opportunity for corporations as National Republican leaders extended the pandemic by being chronic mask deniers and encouraging public gatherings. They distracted us by having us fighting each other over mask verses no mask. As the pandemic clears big corporations will sop up the market share from failed businesses. Quid-Pro-Quo. Here in UC foreign owned Westfield Mall knew that if the Regents Road Bridge were built about 20,000 cars a day would be diverted from Genesee to Regents and Westfield Mall would be forced to drop their rents, that's the motive. Westfield paid a half million dollars for a custom EIR* which somehow excluded how extended ambulance service times would kill about 7 of us each year. Foreign owned Westfield and UTC corporate did not want the bridge on the ballot. They whipped up hate and scoured the community for those who would support their cause. With the 2010 "Citizens United" ruling in hand Westfield & UTC Corporate flooded the community with dark money and had its agents purge community groups of residents who wanted the bridge. They punished fire fighters for testifying for the bridge in 2006 by having their pensions removed in 2012. Firefighters did not testify at the 2016 Council hearing. On a final note, corporations befriend those itching to take it to the streets. Always making sure weapons are pointed towards corporate adversaries. On the national level it is militia groups. Here in UC the biggest domestic terrorism act was the burning of the Crossroads development in 2003 by conservation groups and UTC corporate continues to harness that hate.</p> <p>* http://www.louisrodolico.com/uploads/7/5/2/2/75221087/dif_exhibits.pdf https://clairemonttimes.com/universities-unfinished-roads-and-missing-train-station/</p>
5/25/2021 8:18	Chris Acolt	5/25/2021	Non-Agenda Comment		Over the phone
5/25/2021 12:00	Sandra Stahl	5/25/2021	Non-Agenda Comment		<p>I am Sandra Stahl, Montgomery-Gibbs Environmental Coalition Executive Director</p> <p>Here is more information regarding Council members being misled by the City's Airports Deputy Director.</p> <p>Last week you heard about two untrue statements made by the Airports Deputy Director at the April 27th Council meeting, and I told you I have proof they are untrue. Today let's talk about apparent special interests that the Airports Deputy Director seems to favor.</p>
<p>*These comments, shaded in yellow, were submitted after the start of the meeting at 9am, and were added online and distributed to the Councilmembers after the conclusion of the meeting.</p>					